

Diefenbach, Gerald

Gerald James Diefenbach, 73, of rural Cass City died Wednesday evening, Jan. 10, 2001, at Hills and Dales General Hospital in Cass City. He was born Feb. 2, 1927, at the home of his parents, the late Leonard and Flossie (Elenbaum) Diefenbach, in McKinley Township. On April 2, 1946, he was united in marriage to Annabelle Hahn at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Unionville. Gerald lived in western Huron County all his life and farmed in Grant Township. He also was employed as a mechanic at Schultz's Garage in Unionville for many years. He was a member of the Faith Gospel Tabernacle and enjoyed deer hunting, fishing on the open water and the ice, and most especially playing with the grandkids. Surviving are his wife, Annabelle (Pal); his daughter, Kathy Skipinski and her husband, Tom, of Washington; special niece, Mary Jamieson and her husband, David, of Owendale; six grandchildren, Jennifer, Brenda, Brian, Devin, Jeremy and Tiffany; two great-grandchildren, Skylar and Samantha; his brother, Lyle Diefenbach and his wife, Shirley, of Oakdale, La.; and many other nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a son, Gerald; and his sister, Wava Hallock. Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 13, 2001, at Faith Gospel Tabernacle, Bad Axe. The Rev. Michael Beeler, pastor, will officiate with burial in Grant Township Cemetery. Visitation is 2 to 9 p.m. today at Champagne Funeral Chapel, Elkton, and after 10 a.m. Saturday at the church. Memorials may be given to the church.