

Kaliszewski, Christopher

Mr. Christopher Kaliszewski, 85, of Ubly, passed away Saturday morning, Sept. 29, 2007 at his residence under hospice care with his family at his bedside.

Chris was born July 25, 1922 in Ubly to the late Theodore and Felicia (Nowak) Kaliszewski.

He married Ruth Abraham O'Malley on Aug. 18, 1990 at St. John Catholic Church in Ubly.

Chris attended Ubly High School. He served in the U.S. Army. In 1943, he sailed the Great Lakes as a Merchant Marine on the USS McNaughton. Chris worked as a journeyman and tool grinder for various tool and die shops in Detroit. He also was a tool and die maker for 27 years for Ford Motor Car Company in Sterling Heights from 1953 to 1980. He resided in Roseville during this time and was a former parishioner of Holy Innocents Catholic Church in Roseville. In 1980, Chris retired and moved to Ubly where he was a parishioner at St. John Catholic Church. He spent his winters in Florida.

Chris was a member and former commander of the Thumb Veterans Organization #1. He also was a member of the American Legion Post #499 of Port Austin, the Ubly Community Club, the Ubly Heights Country Club and the U.A.W. Local #228. Chris was a Tiger Baseball fan. He enjoyed watching Meet the Press and news broadcasts, debating current events and reading newspapers. Chris also enjoyed attending festivals, polka dancing and music, gardening, canning, golfing, playing cards and visiting with family and friends.

Chris is survived by his wife, Ruth, of Ubly; two daughters, Janet Rogers of Kalamazoo, Kristen Peltier and her husband, Ernest, of Bad Axe; five step-children, Daniel O'Malley of Negaunee, Rosanne O'Malley of Port Richey, Fla., Patrick O'Malley and his wife, Laura, of Essexville, Catherine Jaskowski and her husband, Rodney, of Minden City, Mary Bonner and her husband, Paul, of Port Huron; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; 15 step-grandchildren; two step-great-grandchildren; one brother, Mark Kaliszewski of Port Austin; one sister, Helen Hughes of Port Charlotte, Fla.; and many nieces and nephews.

Chris was preceded in death by one granddaughter, Logan Rogers; one brother, Leo Kaliszewski; one sister, Marie Smielewski; three step-grandchildren, Amanda, Jeffery and Jonathan Prill.

Funeral Mass will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 3, 2007 at St. John Catholic Church in Ubly. The Rev. Thomas Esper will officiate. Burial will be in the church cemetery with graveside military honors by the Thumb Veterans Organization.

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