

Van Erp, Joseph

Mr. Joseph Van Erp, 70, of Bad Axe, passed away Tuesday, October 3, 2006, at Spectrum Health Blodgett of Grand Rapids. Joseph was born March 19, 1936 in Perham, Minnesota to the late Frederick "Fritz" and Helen (Boogaard) Van Erp. He married Carol Ann O'Neil on November 30, 1957 at St. Columbkille Catholic Church in Sheridan Corners. Joe was a graduate of Ubly High School. He was a lifelong farmer. He formerly was a parishioner at St. Columbkille Catholic Church in Sheridan Corners. Joe currently was a parishioner at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Bad Axe and had been for about 40 years. Joseph is survived by his wife, Carol Ann, of Bad Axe; one daughter, Denise Drake and her husband, Paul, of Dewitt; five sons, Daniel Van Erp and his wife, Kay, of Ubly, Michael Van Erp and his wife, Kim, of Williamston, Dr. Jeffery Van Erp M.D. and his wife, Gigi, of Grand Rapids, Rodney Van Erp and his wife, Michelle, of Ubly, David Van Erp and his wife, Beth, of Bad Axe; 18 grandchildren; two brothers, Robert Van Erp and his wife, Susan, of Bad Axe, William Van Erp and his wife, Kathleen, of Canton; six sisters, Marcella Campbell, of Bad Axe, Mary Kubacki, of Ubly, Dorothy Schmidt and her husband, Robert, of Cass City, Agnes Zawilinski and her husband, Walter, of Cass City, Florence Briolat and her husband, Norman, of Romeoville, Illinois, Evelyn Schadd and her husband, Earl, of Fillion. He was preceded in death by one brother, Albert Van Erp; one sister-in-law, Ruthann Van Erp; two brothers-in-law, Albert Kubacki and William Campbell. A Funeral Mass will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday, October 7, 2006, at St. Columbkille Catholic Church in Sheridan Corners. The Rev. Joseph Griffin, pastor, will officiate. Burial will be in the church cemetery. Visitation will be from 1 to 9 p.m. on Friday at Zinger-Smigielski Funeral Home in Ubly, and from 10 to 11 a.m. on Saturday at the church. There will be a parish vigil service at 7 p.m. on Friday by Fr. James Carlson. Memorials are requested to St. Columbkille Church or Sacred Heart Church.