

Kociba, Herman

Mr. Herman F. Kociba, 85, of Ubly and formerly of Verona, died Wednesday evening, March 8, 2000, at his residence after a short illness. He was born on March 14, 1914, in Lincoln Township, son of the late Anthony and Theresa (Danielski) Kociba. He married Helen Osentoski on July 2, 1949, at St. John the Evangelist Church of Ubly. He attended the Lincoln Country School. He farmed with his family. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps in the Pacific Theatre during World War II. He worked for Dodge Main in Hamtramck. He was the former owner of the Rapson Grocery store for eight years. He worked at Verona Hills Golf Course and different area jobs. He retired from Spandex Manufacturing of Bad Axe after nine years in 1980. He was a former member of St. Mary's Church in Dwight and St. Joseph Church of Rapson. He was most recently a parishioner of St. John Catholic Church of Ubly. He was the former Senior Commander of the Parisville VFW Post No. 5740 of Ruth, a member of the Ubly Community Club, Senior Citizens Euchre Club and St. John's Men's Club. He is survived by his wife, Helen, of Ubly; two daughters, Linda Hanson and her husband, Gene, of Cass City and Betty Glaza and her husband, Bill, of Ubly; five grandchildren, Tracy, Pam, Jamie, Bradley and Bryan; one stepchild, Shelley; one great-granddaughter, Cierra; one brother, Isadore Kociba and his wife, Frances, of Bad Axe; and two sisters, Gertrude Dudek of Madison Heights and Margaret Puckette of Warren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Edward Kociba; one sister, Irene Costello; and two stepsisters, Bertha Schmelzer and Tillie Merenich. Mass of Christian Burial will be conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 11, 2000, at St. John Catholic Church in Ubly. The Rev. T.J. Fleming, pastor, will officiate. Military honors will be provided by the Parisville VFW Post No. 5740 of Ruth. Burial will be in St. John Cemetery of Ubly in the spring. There will be a parish wake service at 8 p.m. Friday at Zinger-Smigielski Funeral Home in Ubly. Visitation will be from 12:30 to 9:30 p.m. Friday and from 8:30 to 10 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home.