

Arntz, Reuben

Reuben Arntz, 80, of Harbor Beach, passed away at his home with his family and hospice care at his side.

Born Nov. 21, 1928 in Harbor Beach, he was the son of the late Reuben and Lena (Curtindale) Arntz, Sr.

Reuben served in the Korean War in the U.S. Army and was a life member of the VFW Post in Harbor Beach.

Reuben married Elfriede Patajetzek on Aug. 25, 1955 in Germany. She preceded him in death on Sept. 20, 1965. On Jan. 27, 1968, Reuben and Rita Maschmann were united in marriage in Bad Axe. He was a retired employee of Michigan Peat Co., working for more than 26 years, and was a former commercial fisherman in Harbor Beach.

In his leisure, Reuben enjoyed fishing, being with his grandchildren and was an avid Detroit Tiger fan.

He is survived by his wife, Rita Arntz of Harbor Beach; and his children, Glinda Gilger of Columbus, Ohio, Gerhard Liebeskind and his wife, Ruth, of Harbor Beach, Waltrand Slusher and her husband, Ronald, of North Branch, Gloria Villa and her husband, Nicho, of Lapeer, Jim Arntz and his wife, Peggy, of Harbor Beach, Monica Hurd of Prairie Du Chein, Wis., Jamie Arntz of Harbor Beach, Leanne Arntz of Elkton, David Arntz of Elkton and Christie Karl and her husband, Joseph, of Pigeon. Also surviving are several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He also is survived by his sisters, Ruth Schlieffer of Harbor Beach, Betty Bouchard of Harbor Beach, Eileen Mattice of Bad Axe, Shirley Arntz of Harbor Beach, Katie Crummy and her husband, Cliff, of Florida, and Jeanette Ransom of Alabama; and by his brothers Terry Arntz and his wife, Sandra, of Texas, William Arntz of Bad Axe, and Robert Arntz of Augusta, Ga.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Helen Weston.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m. Wednesday, April 1, 2009 in the Ramsey Funeral Home, Harbor Beach with High Priest William Wells of the Community of Christ Church officiating. Burial with military honors will be in the Rock Falls Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 1 to 9 p.m. Tuesday and from noon until the time of services at 1 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.