

Pereny, Michael L.

Michael L. Pereny, 74, of Land O'Lakes, Fla. and Port Austin, died Tuesday, Oct. 27, 2009 at the University of Illinois Medical Center in Chicago.

He was born on Oct. 9, 1935 in Detroit, son of the late Michael and Emma (Pruner) Pereny. Michael married Geraldine "Dena" Polega on May 7, 1960 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Dwight Township.

Michael was a United States Army Veteran of the Korean Conflict. He worked for General Motors as a graphic artist until retiring in 1984. He and Dena owned and operated the Island Gallery in Fort Meyers Beach, Fla., for 20 years.

He was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Port Austin and the American Legion Frank Horetski Post No. 499 in Port Austin. He was a founding Knight and member of the Knights of Columbus Church of Ascension in Fort Meyers Beach. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and visiting with family and friends.

He is survived by his wife, Geraldine "Dena"; one son, Michael (Rhonda) Pereny; two grandchildren, Cassidy and Hannah; two sisters, Emily (Rocky) Borza of Riverview and Viola Vasilash of Lavonia; and his brother, Charles (Nancy) Pereny of Florida. He is also survived by his in-laws, Irvin Polega, Albin Polega, Francis Lackowski, Irene (Pat) Wozniak, Grace (Marvin) Zurek, Eugene (Rose) Polega, and Pauline Polega.

Michael was preceded in death by his in-laws, Gus Schvarckopf, Dan Vasilash, Harold and Dorothy Sosnoski, Frank Polega, Cass Lackowski, Martin Grifka, Virginia Polega, and Mary-Ann Polega.

Funeral Mass will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 31, 2009 at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Port Austin. Officiating will be the Rev. Andrew Booms, pastor. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Visitation will be conducted from 1 to 9 p.m. on Friday and from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the Knoblock Funeral Home in Kinde. There will be a K of C Rosary at 6 p.m. followed by a vigil at 7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.