



John J. Oravec, Sr.

September 8, 1912 - July 5, 2006

Mr. John J. Oravec, Sr., age 93, of Highland, IL., died Wednesday, July 5, 2006, at Highland Health Care Center in Highland, IL.

He was born September 8, 1912, in East St. Louis, IL., the son of Michael and Anna Oravec.

On April 25, 1934, at Fairmont City, IL, he married Sophie M. Oravec, who passed away July 2, 2003.

He was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church-Pierron, IL. and the Local at American Zinc.

Born at East St. Louis, Illinois, grew up in the E.St. Louis/ Fairmont City area. He had worked 37 years at American Zinc, Fairmont City, Illinois. Moved in 1951 to a farm east of Millersburg, IL. Mr. & Mrs. Oravec farmed and he continued to work at American Zinc. He retired from farming in 1985, when his sons took over the farming.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping @ Timber Trails Camp Ground; traveling to Florida, Las Vegas and Tunica.

Survivors include Son-Robert J. (Joyce) Oravec of Highland, Ill., Son-John J. (Peggy) Oravec, Jr. of Highland, Ill., Daughter-Joanne (Earl) Harpstrite of

Monroe, Wis., Daughter-Betty J. (William) Schwend of Highland, Ill., Sister-Mary Stockley of Fairmont City, Ill., Sister-Emily Petroski of Highland, Ill., Grandchild-Linda J. (Steve) Rezabek of Highland, Ill., Grandchild-Laurie A. (Jay) Hoffman of Collinsville, Ill., Grandchild-Lisa M. (Mike) Wenos of Collinsville, Ill., Grandchild-Steven J. (Dana) Oravec of Highland, Ill., Grandchild-Brian H. (Berit) Harpstrite of Monroe, Wis., Grandchild-Bradley J. Harpstrite of Monroe, Wis., Grandchild-Kelly L. (Michael) Severson of Monroe, Wis., Grandchild-Kevin W. (Neysa) Schwend of Breese, Ill., Grandchild-Kim A. (Jay) Kuhner of Highland, Ill.; and 17 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by Wife-Sophie M. Oravec, Father-Michael --- Oravec, Mother-Anna --- Oravec, and sisters -Ann Zorek, and -Agnes Petroski

Arrangements are being handled by Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, Ill.