



LaVerne Babe B. Franz

August 20, 1925 - June 10, 2010

84, of Greenwood, passed away June 10, 2010. He was born August 20, 1925 in Wheeler, IN, to the late Henry and Agnes (Gresser) Franz. Babe graduated from Merrillville High School in 1943. Babe owned several taverns: the White Star, Babes Corner, Babes Cedar Bar and Track Lounge. He was employed for ten years with Budd Company. Babe was a longtime member of St. Peter & Paul Catholic Church, Merrillville, IN, a former member St. Agnes Catholic Church, Brown Co., IN, and a present member of Ss. Francis and Clare of Assisi Catholic Church. Babe's greatest love was his wife and family, and the time he spent outdoors. A Memorial Mass of Christian Burial will take place Saturday, June 19, 2010 at 12:00 noon at Ss. Francis and Clare of Assisi Catholic Church, 5901 Olive Branch Rd., with visitation there from 10:00 a.m. until the time of services. Babe is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Rose Marie Franz; children, David Franz, Debbie Baker (Mike), Larry Franz (Pamm), and Nancy Rice (Jeff); brothers, Delbert and Bill Franz; ten grandsons; and one great-granddaughter. A brother, Marcene Franz, preceded him in death. Memorial contributions may be made to Community Health Network Foundation and/or Ss. Frances and Clare of Assisi Catholic Church. Arrangements entrusted to Shirley Brothers Thompson Road Chapel.