



## John Degenauer, Sr.

December 17, 1913 - March 21, 2005

JOHN DEGENAER, SR. VULCAN – John P. Degenauer, Sr. age 91 of Vulcan, died Monday, March 21, 2005 at Dickinson Co. Memorial Hospital, Iron Mountain, MI. He was born on December 17, 1913 in Norway, the son of the late Emil and Mary (Dennison) Degenauer. John married Francelia Smeltzer at St. Barbara's Church. She preceded him in death on July 30, 1992. Member of St. Barbara's Church in Vulcan. He was a dairy farmer until 1964, and then started a beef cattle farm. John was the Dickinson Co. Farmer of the Year in 1994, a member of the UP Herefords Association, A Leader and Member of the Dickinson Co. 4-H, and received the Alumni Award. All his life he exhibited at the Dickinson Co. Fair and truly enjoyed the Fair every year. John is survived by his sons Delbert (Jane) Degenauer of Vulcan, Robert (Robelle) Degenauer of Vulcan, John (Cheryl) Degenauer, Jr. of Norway, Patrick (Ann) Degenauer of Baraga and Michael Degenauer of Norway; daughters Frances "Dolly" (Pearly) Hood of Iron Mountain, JoAnn (Ron) Matonich of Vulcan and Deborah (Patrick) Sullivan of Vulcan; 24 Grandchildren; several Great Grandchildren; brother Joseph Degenauer of Vulcan; many Nieces and Nephews. He was preceded in death by his brothers Edward, Frank and Jack Degenauer and 4 brothers in Belgium. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, March 23 from 10 to 1 p.m. at the Miner-Ortman Funeral Home in Norway. Funeral Services will be on Wednesday at 1 p.m. at the Miner-Ortman Funeral Home with Fr. Joy Adimakkeel officiating. Interment will follow at the Norway Township Cemetery.