

NO PHOTO **Degnan, Royal**

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Royal Charles Degnan, age 85, resident of St. Mathias Township, died Friday, June 22, 2007, at his home. Royal was born July 25, 1921, in Pine River, Minn., to Roy and Ida (Jokela) Degnan. Royal grew up in Pine River and moved to St. Mathias in 1953. He served in the Army during WWII and was a lifetime area farmer.

Survivors include his wife, Ella May; children, Arlene (Greg) Koshenina, Lynda (Patrick) Collins, Wanda Mertens, Mary (Randy) Moeser, Joanne (James) Munsch; stepson, Roger Manthey; 15 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Ferne Winters and Ardis Halquist.

His parents; son, Ralph Michael Degnan; and brother, Loran "Bud" Degnan, died earlier.

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Mass of Christian Burial will be held 11 a.m. on Tuesday, June 26, 2007, at St. Mathias Catholic Church in St. Mathias Township with Father Seamus Walsh officiating. Burial will be in St. Mathias Cemetery. Military honors provided by Brainerd American Legion Post No. 255 Color Guard. Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. on Monday at the Nelson-Doran Funeral Home in Brainerd with a prayer service at 7 p.m. Visitation will also be held the hour before services on Tuesday at the church.

Arrangements by Nelson-Doran Funeral Home in Brainerd.