

Joseph J. McArdle

1926 - 1997

Joseph J. McArdle, age 70, longtime businessman of Pigeon, passed away Saturday, January 18 at the Saginaw Veterans Medical Center following a long bout with cancer.

He was born in Elkton on August 23, 1926, son of the late Joseph A. and Louise (Roestel) McArdle. He married Ada M. Zimmer on October 16, 1948 in Pigeon. She preceded him in death on October 19, 1992.

Mr. McArdle served two years in the U.S. Air Force and was a member of the Tip of the Thumb Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #2236, where through the years, he served as chaplain, adjutant, buddy-poppy chairman, cemetery flag chairman, veterans service officer, and a member of the Veterans Memorial Home Association. He was also an active member of the Knights of Columbus West Huron Centennial Council #8042 as well as a member of the Pigeon Conservation Club for many years.

For 35 years he earned his living in activities surrounding the installation and repair of farm animal feeding systems, dairy, and refrigeration equipment.

As a lifelong member of St. Francis Borgia Catholic Church in Pigeon, he served as men's club president, lector, eucharistic minister, usher, and cemetery caretaker.

Seven children were born to the marriage of Joseph and Ada McArdle. Surviving are three sons, three daughters, and their spouses: Martin and Sherie McArdle of Saginaw, Philip and Shelia McArdle of Heath Springs, South Carolina, Michael and Mayda McArdle of Colorado Springs, Colorado, Catherine and Michael Denay of Bay City, Kristine and Daniel Niedrich of Los Altos, California, and Rebecca and Randy Stoffel of the U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado; 14 grandchildren; three sisters, Joan (Donald) Blome, Pigeon, Bernice (Frank) Vealey, Webberville, and Audrey Thackston, Jacksonville, North Carolina; and three brothers, Dale McArdle, Detroit, Robert (Dorothy) McArdle, Bad Axe, and Leo (Elaine) McArdle, Elkton. He was predeceased by his son, Anthony, on October 9, 1991, two sisters, Doris Dean and Helen Hyzer, and a brother, James McArdle.

Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 23 from St. Francis Borgia Catholic Church, Pigeon, after which he will be cremated and ashes buried at St. Francis Borgia Catholic Cemetery. Rev. Fr. Barney Janowicz, pastor, will officiate. The veterans memorial service will take place at 12:00 noon.

The Knights of Columbus Rosary will be 8:00 p.m. Tuesday and the Prayer Vigil service will be 8:00 p.m. Wednesday at the Meyersieck-Bussema Funeral Home, Pigeon.

Memorials may be made to the Knights of Columbus, the V.F.W., or the Saginaw V.A. Nursing Home.