

Brown, Walton D.

Walton D. "Josh" Brown, 83, of Sebewaing died Tuesday morning, May 26, 2009 at Courtney Manor in Bad Axe following a three-year illness.

He was born April 22, 1926 in Detroit, son of the late Orville and Marie (Barnes) Brown.

He was united in marriage to Marion A. Schweitzer on April 30, 1949 in Linkville. She preceded him in death Dec. 28, 2001.

Walton had been a cash crop and dairy farmer on their centennial farm in Brookfield Twp. for many years before retiring in 1986.

He was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Kilmanagh. He was a member and past president of the Owendale Lions Club, served as Brookfield Twp. supervisor from 1969 to 2000, and was a member of the Michigan Farm Bureau. He served in the U.S. Army in the military police in the Philippines during World War II.

He enjoyed woodworking, gardening, jigsaw puzzles and especially enjoyed "crop checking around the area."

Surviving are one daughter, Beth Brown of Louisville, Ky.; two sons and spouses, Kim (Cynthia) Brown of Columbiaville; Lee (Suzanne) Brown of Prescott; five grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; one sister, Mardella Volz of Sebewaing; and several nieces and nephews.

The funeral service will take place at 11 a.m. Friday, May 29, 2009 at St. John Lutheran Church in Kilmanagh. The Rev. Allen R. Stoll will officiate with burial in the church cemetery.

Visitation will be from 2 to 9 p.m. Thursday at the Dinkel-Juengel Funeral Home in Sebewaing.

He will lie in state at the church from 10 a.m. Friday until the time of service.

In lieu of flowers, friends are asked to consider St. John Lutheran Church or the Owendale Lions Club.