

Dutcher, Donald R.

Donald Ray Dutcher, 72, of Pigeon, passed away suddenly Friday, Sept. 18, 2009 at Scheurer Hospital in Pigeon.

Born in Bay Port Dec. 17, 1936, he was the son of the late Lee and Mary Katherine (Avery) Dutcher. He graduated in 1954 from Bay Port High School and served in the U.S. Air Force. On July 21, 1956 he was married to Charlotte J. Forman in Bay Port. She preceded him in death Sept. 29, 2004.

Don worked as a service representative for Consumers Power Company for 42 years.

Growing up, he enjoyed playing baseball and basketball. When his family was young, they enjoyed camping, as well as fishing on Saginaw Bay and Wildfowl Bay. After retiring in 1997, Don enjoyed traveling to Florida, Texas and Branson, Missouri. He liked watching major league sports, gardening, and making sauerkraut. He also enjoyed visiting with neighbors, friends and especially family, and was known as a great teaser. He was handy and could repair anything.

Don was a faithful, active member of the Pigeon First United Methodist Church.

Don had three children, Todd (Muriel) Dutcher of Pigeon, Kurt (Denise) Dutcher of Dexter, and Laura Armbruster, who passed away March 11, 1993. He is also survived by a special friend, Waneita Croad of Pigeon; a son-in-law, David (Debbie) Armbruster of Pigeon; eight grandchildren, Adam, Brittany, Bryce, Alexandria, Zachary, Madeleine, Haley and Jack; Waneita's family; his sister, Joanne (Duane) Harder of Bay Port; sister-in-law, Marilyn Dutcher of New Baltimore; and several nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by two brothers, Hal, in 1928, and Gary, in 1976.

Funeral service was conducted at 11 a.m. Monday, Sept. 21, 2009 at the Pigeon First United Methodist Church, with the Rev. John Britt, pastor, officiating. Burial was in New Bay Port Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Pigeon First United Methodist Church or Leader Dogs for the Blind.