

CHARLES ROBERT BENDA

1923 - 1996

Charles R. Benda, 72 of Chandler Twp., passed away Sunday, Jan. 7 at his home after a three-month illness with cancer.

He was born Nov. 11, 1923 in Kanawha Falls, WV, son of the late Bruce and Dorine (Boris) Benda. At the age of 12, he moved to Huron County with his family.

He was united in marriage to Mary Dobrowski on Oct. 30, 1948 in Pigeon. They moved to their farm in Chandler Twp., where they have lived and farmed since 1957. He had also been employed at the Pigeon Telephone Company for 25 years and in 1975, he took a position at Pigeon Manufacturing, retiring in 1987.

Mr. Benda was a World War II Army veteran, having served in France and Germany. He was also a past member of the Pigeon VFW.

Surviving are his wife, Mary, his daughter, Patti (Vince) Staub of Chandler Twp.; two sons, Gregg (Betty) Benda of Pigeon and Scott Benda of Chandler Twp.; three grandchildren, Brad, Brandon and Natalie; six sisters, Alma King of Lansing, Alean Hanko and Shelby Yurpin, both of DeWitt, Dolly Graham of Sylvania, OH, Frances Rose of Pinconning and Marie Radabaugh of Kinde and one brother, Carl Davis of Charlotte.

Four brothers, Daniel and William Benda and Robert and Arthur Davis and a sister, Doris Bays, preceded him in death.

Funeral services will be conducted on Tuesday, Jan. 9 at 1 p.m. at the Champagne Funeral Chapel, Eldon. Rev. William Wright, pastor of the Bad Axe First United Methodist Church, will officiate with military honors conducted by the Cassville American Legion and the Eldon VFW at Grandview Cemetery, Pigeon.