

George H. Keim

1910 – 1999

George Harold Keim, age 88 of Bay Port and Country Bay Village in Pigeon, passed away Monday, April 12 at Sunny Acres Nursing Center near Bad Axe.

He was born in Parnell, Iowa on December 6, 1910, the son of the late Joseph B. and Lucretia (Swartzendruber) Keim. On March 9, 1941 he was united in marriage to Ida Mishler in Kalona, Iowa. She preceded him in death in February 17, 1975.

Mr. Keim farmed in Huron County throughout his lifetime. He loved to read, and collected books. He was a well-read student of history, and for 25 years wrote "Recollections of By Gone Days," a newspaper column carried by several newspapers, in which he told stories about the past. He also was a very interested member of the Pigeon Historical Society.

He enjoyed traveling, and visited his family in Holland several times. He once had a special tour through different European countries, and saw the Passion Play in Germany. He also attended a Mennonite World Conference in France.

For 46 years, Mr. Keim was sexton for several area cemeteries. He was an active member of Pigeon River Mennonite Church, where he taught Sunday school for more than 30 years.

He is survived by four children: Mary Constance and her husband, Jan Maarsen of Aalsmeer, The Netherlands, Wayne Joseph and his wife, Joyce of Bay Port, Charlene Joyce Neer of Ann Arbor, and Howard Eugene and his wife, Tamra of Hesston, Kansas; eight grandchildren: Howard (Monique), Saskia Rogier), Carolien (Reinier), Brian (Lisa), Christa, Darin, Tonya, and Talashia; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by nine brothers and sisters.

Funeral Services will be conducted at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 15 from Pigeon River Mennonite Church, with Rev. Tom Beachy, pastor, Rev. Luke Loder, and Rev. Ken Dietzel officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Rosedale Bible Institute Reach Ministries, the Pigeon River Mennonite Church Cemetery, or the Pigeon Historical Society.

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