

## **Lange, Theodore**

Theodore H. Lange, 90, of Port Hope, was called to his heavenly home on Saturday, April 24, 2004. He died while hospitalized at William Beaumont Hospital in Troy after a long illness. Theodore, "Ted" was born on August 17, 1913 in Bloomfield Township, Port Hope, where he resided all his life, to the late George and Mary (Eggert) Lange. He married Bertha Pleiness on June 16, 1937 in Port Hope. Ted, a retired farmer, used to truck cattle to stockyards and called sawing lumber at his mill his winter hobby. He liked to fish and enjoyed playing cards and bowling, but mostly he loved "being with the people". He had served on the Swayze Country School Board, was a former Sunday school superintendent at the Bloomfield Lutheran Church, an Elder and Usher at St. John Lutheran Church in Port Hope and was a current member of the Zion Lutheran Church in Harbor Beach. He also was a member of the Port Hope Retirees. His survivors include his loving wife of 66 years, Bertha Lange, of Port Hope; four children, Norman Lange and his wife, Bernice, of Harbor Beach, Harold Lange and his wife, Elaine, of Clinton Township, Joann Yott, of Bad Axe and Diane Diehl and her husband, George, of Troy; four grandchildren, Duane Lange and his wife, Sue, of Marlette, Deborah Weidman and his wife, Troy, of South Lyon, Jeffrey Diehl and his wife, Melissa, of Macomb, and Michael Lange and his wife, Dawn, of Mount Clemens; ten great-grandchildren, Garrett, Jenna and Kolby Lange, Zachary, Conner and Nathan Weidman, Ryan, Morgan, Carter and Alexis Diehl; one sister, Margaret Weippert and her husband, Harold, of Castle Rock, Colorado and several brothers-in-law, sister-in-law, nephews, nieces, and cousins. Ted was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Albert, Reinhold, and Arthur Lange; and a sister, Mildred Marquardt. Funeral services will be at noon on Saturday, May 1, 2004, in Zion Lutheran Church, Harbor Beach. The Rev. Mark Girardin, pastor, and the Rev. Eugene Koessel, former pastor, will officiate. Burial will be in the Lakeview Cemetery, Port Hope. A scripture service will be at 7:30 p.m. on Friday in the Ramsey Funeral Home, Harbor Beach. Visitation will be from 1 to 9 p.m. on Friday at the funeral home and from 11 a.m. until the service time on Saturday at the church. Memorials may be given to the Zion Lutheran Church School or Preschool or East Huron Ambulance Service.