

MARTIN J. KARLE

1916 - 1995

Martin J. Karle, 78 of Pigeon, died Thursday, March 23 at Scheurer Hospital following a massive heart attack.

He was born Oct. 22, 1916 in Cleveland, Ohio, son of the late Martin and Fannie (Ruger) Karle. He moved to McKinley Township with his parents in the early 1920s, where he since lived. On Feb. 15, 1948, he was united in marriage to Emma L. Bauer in Eldon. She survives him.

Mr. Karle had been employed at Berns Welding in Berns for many years, and in 1966 took a position at MOCO Thermal (Michigan Oven) in Cassville, retiring in 1980.

He was a charter member of the Community Wesleyan Church, a World War II Army veteran having served in Africa and Europe, and a past member of the Pigeon VFW.

Surviving are his wife Emma; two daughters, Elaine (Herbert) Deming of Vassar, and Janine (Hugh) Smith of Cassville; six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; two brothers, Frank (Delores) Karle and Peter (Mary) Karle, both of Pigeon; and a sister, Liz (Don) McLean of Pigeon. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Ariana.

Funeral services were conducted on March 25 at Community Wesleyan Church in Eldon with burial in Riverside Cemetery, Eldon. Champagne Funeral Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

Memorials may be directed to the church or to the family.