

Deering, Ralph

Ralph J. Deering, 65, of Bay Port, died Sunday afternoon, November 23, 2003, at Scheurer Hospital following a long illness. He was born March 15, 1938 in Oliver Township at the home of his parents, the late Jacob and Katherine (Frank) Deering, Sr. Ralph lived in Huron County all of his life. Shortly after high school, he started Deering Music Studio operating from his home, teaching the accordion. He also had an entertainment band, playing for weddings and other occasions. For the past 30 years, Ralph farmed near Bay Port. He was a member of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Berne, and had served on the building committee and was a member of the Pigeon Conservation Club. Surviving are his wife, Janet; two sons, James Deering and his wife, Brenda, of Caledonia and Ray Deering of Bay Port; four grandchildren, Brianne, Alex, Karley and Abigail; five brothers, Harold Deering, of Cass City, Millard Deering and his wife, Beatrice, of Bad Axe, Don Deering and his wife, Doris, of Elkton, Gerald Deering, of Caseville and Dick Deering and his wife, Joyce, of Sandusky; and three sisters, Ada Hutchinson and her husband, Orval, of Cass City, Esther Schweitzer, of Pigeon, Frances Spaeth and her husband, Bill, of Ocala, Florida. Preceding him in death were two brothers, Edward and Jacob, Jr. Cremation has taken place and a memorial service will be conducted at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, November 25, 2003, at St. John's Lutheran Church, Berne. The Rev. James Gorseger, pastor, will officiate with burial in the church cemetery. Visitation will be from 8:30 a.m. until the time of the service on Tuesday at the church. Memorials may be given to St. John's Lutheran Church or School. Those not able to attend may sign the guest book at www.champagnefuneralchapel.com.