

Bernhardt, Joseph

Joseph "Joe" Bernhardt, age 93 of Owendale, passed away Wednesday, June 9 with Pastor Lee Wenskay at his bedside at the Tuscola Medical Care Facility in Caro.

Born in Oliver Township on December 12, 1916, he was the son of the late John and Mary (Essler) Bernhardt, and graduated from the Flowing Well School. On June 21, 1941, he was united in marriage to Ruth Bolzman at her parents home near Sebewaing.

Joe was a farmer throughout his lifetime, as well as working seven years as a seasonal sugar factory worker in Sebewaing. He loved farming, and also enjoyed gardening, playing euchre and watching Detroit Tigers ballgames. He loved visiting with family and friends, but especially loved his grandchildren. He was a faithful member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Linkville.

Survivors include his wife of more than 68 years, Ruth Bernhardt of Owendale; two children and spouses, Lynn and Dave Dearing of Cass City and Jerry and Phoebe Bernhardt of Caro; five grandchildren: Kelly Stevens & Scott Kelly, Tammy & Gary Lowe, Joey Sammons, Kristi & John Atkinson, and Jeremy Bernhardt; seven great-grandchildren; four great great-grandchildren; two sisters, Elsie Engelhardt and Susan Dinkel, both of Sebewaing; a brother, Pete Bernhardt of East Tawas; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a brother, John Bernhardt, and a sister, Martha Draschil.

The Funeral Service will be conducted at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 13 at St. Paul Lutheran Church, with Rev. Lee Wenskay, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Grandlawn Cemetery near Pigeon. A Scripture service will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 12 at the Meyersieck-Bussema Funeral Home, Pigeon.

Memorials may be made to St. Paul Lutheran Church or the Tuscola Medical Care Facility.

VISITATION AT MEYERSIECK-BUSSEMA FUNERAL HOME, PIGEON:

Saturday, June 12 2:00 – 8:00 p.m.

AND AT ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH, LINKVILLE:

Sunday, June 13 1:00 p.m. until the time of service at 2:00 p.m.