

## Gerald R. Muentener 1919 - 1999

Jerry Muentener, age 79, of Pigeon died Sunday morning, January 24, at Covenant Harrison Hospital, Saginaw following a brief illness.

He was born March 7, 1919 in McKinley Twp. at the home of his parents, the late John and Mary (Harris) Muentener.

On December 23, 1938 he was united in marriage to Helen Fritz, she preceded him in death January 31, 1965. He later married Eileen E. (Englehart) Shaw, May 6, 1966 in Bad Axe.

Mr. Muentener farmed the family farm in the early years and later worked at the Pigeon Co-op. In the early sixties he began a career hauling mobile homes for Marlette Homes, retiring in 1984. More recently, he had been serving as a courier for Thumb National Bank, until his health prevented it.

He had been a long time member of Hayes United Methodist Church and was currently a member at the Bay Port United Methodist Church. Jerry has always enjoyed fishing, either from a boat or through the ice. He also enjoyed hunting, gardening and had a special interest in the Laker sports program, seldom missing a game. His favorite past time was his membership in the morning coffee clubs at the Dutch and Walt's.

Surviving are his wife, Eileen; three daughters, Donna (Albert) Santelle of Port Austin, Florence (Donald) Whelihan of North Zulch, TX and Linda Powell and her special friend, Allen Jones of Sebawaing; two daughters-in-law, Alice Cooper of Cleveland, TX and Julie Muentener of Port Austin; three step-children, David Campbell of Fairland, IN, Janet Fleis of Westland and Karen McDonnough of Canton; 30 grandchildren; 37 great grandchildren and his sister, Buelah Green of Caro.

Preceding him in death were, two sons, Stanley Cooper and Gerald Muentener; two grandchildren, Tammy Muentener and Gregory Whelihan and his brother, William Muentener.

Funeral services will be conducted 11:00 AM Wednesday, January 27, at the Hayes United Methodist Church. Rev. Barbara Franks, pastor and Rev. James Fader (his grandson) will officiate with burial in Grandlawn Cemetery, Pigeon.

Memorials may be given to: Hospice or the Kidney Foundation  
*Champagne Funeral Chapel, Elkton.*