

DONALD F. "BUCK" GRAVES

1917 - 1995

Donald F. "Buck" Graves, 77, died Monday, Oct. 9, at VA Hospital, Battle Creek, following a lengthy illness.

He was born in Ludington on Oct. 23, 1917, the son of Frederick and Annabel (Christiansen) Graves. He was a Sebawaing High School graduate, Class of 1936. He was united in marriage with Marion June Schnepf on Oct. 18, 1947, in Sebawaing and she preceded him in death on April 28, 1974.

Mr. Graves served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was self-employed as a milk hauler for several years and then was employed at Luke's Market in Sebawaing for 25 years before retiring in 1975.

He was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Sebawaing, and Sebawaing VFW Post #4115.

Surviving are three sons, one daughter and spouses: David and Rita Olzman of Wayne, Donald F. and Jacqueline Graves, Jr. of Sebawaing, Daniel Graves and Janet and Robert Eremia of Caro; 10 grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and three sisters, Tina Sheldon and Lois Dvorch of Florida, Mrs. Kenneth (Maureen) Rasmussen of Sebawaing, one brother and spouse, James "Jay" and Doris Graves of Florida, and several nieces and nephews.

One brother, Wesley Graves, preceded him in death.

The funeral service took place at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 11, in Immanuel Church, Sebawaing, with Rev. Martin Hagenow officiating. A military graveside committal service was held under auspices of Sebawaing VFW Post #4115. Burial was in the church cemetery. Dinkel-Juengel Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Those planning an expression of sympathy are invited to consider Immanuel Church, VFW Post #4115 or American Cancer Society.