



Joseph Sweeney, 79, of Bad Axe (formerly of Elkton) passed away Monday, Aug. 3, 2015 with his family by his side.

Joseph was born Aug. 16, 1935 to the late Malcolm and Mary (McIntosh) Sweeney. He was united in marriage to Hilda Smith on Nov. 7, 1959.

Joe farmed all his life, retiring in 1998. He was a member of Owendale Lions Club, Popple Trail Blazers, Knights of Columbus and Corn Growers Association.

Joe is survived by his wife of 55 years, Hilda; three sons, Timothy (Lisa) Sweeney, of Southfield, Gary (Pam) Sweeney, of Elkton and Bryan Sweeney, of Madison Heights; one daughter, Linda (Robert) Slayden of Chicago; eight grandchildren, Nicholas (Jennifer) Slayden, Alex (Kelli) Slayden, Melissa Sweeney Krohn (fiancé James Guza), Michael (Kayla) Sweeney, Megan (Logan) Tibbits, Melinda Sweeney, Alicia Sweeney, Erin Sweeney; four great-grandchildren, Khloe and Korbin Krohn, Scarlett and Quorra Slayden; five brothers, Ray (JoAnn) Sweeney, of Little Chute, Wisconsin, Gerald (Susan) Sweeney, of Charlotte, Edward Sweeney, of Cass City, Donald (Denise) Sweeney, of Bad Axe and William (Kathi) Sweeney, of Oscoda; three sisters, Marie McNeil, of Bay City; Carol (Don) Baird, of Delray Beach, Florida, Kathy (Dan) Cregeur, of Bad Axe and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by sisters, Helen Morley, Ann Dobis, Shirley Forster, Patricia Trepkowski; brother, Richard Sweeney.

A Mass of Christian burial will be at 11 a.m. on Thursday at Good Shepard Parish-St. Columbkille Catholic Church of Sheridan Corner. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 5, 2015 at the Kaufman Funeral Home in Bad Axe and from 10 a.m. until the time of service Thursday at the church. A scripture service will be offered at 7 p.m. on Wednesday at the funeral home.

Pallbearers for Joseph Sweeney will be Nick Slayden, Alex Slayden, Michael Sweeney, Terry Sweeney, Scott Sweeney and Phil McNeal.