

JOHN W. BLISS

1902-1995

John W. Bliss, 92, Bad Axe, formerly of Caseville, passed away Monday, May 15 at Four Seasons Health Care Center in Bad Axe.

He was born on the family farm near Caseville on Oct. 2, 1902, the son of the late Frank and Anna (Knaus) Bliss. He was united in marriage to Frances C. Bairley on July 16, 1947 at St. Francis Borgia Catholic Church in Pigeon. She preceded him in death on Jan. 6, 1991.

Mr. Bliss attended the Hayes School. He was raised on the family farm, where he worked and farmed throughout his lifetime, until retiring in the mid-1970's. He was a member of St. Francis Borgia Catholic Church. He was an honorary life member of the Knights of Columbus Council #1546 in Bad Axe.

Surviving him are his daughter, Mrs. Donald T. (Frances C.) Ecker, Toledo, Ohio; two brothers, Tom and Evelyn Bliss, Cedar Springs, and James and Catherine Bliss, Cincinnati, Ohio; a sister, Mrs. S.G. (Mary) Boudeman, Ann Arbor; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Mary Patricia, in 1952, a son, John W. in November 1997, a brother Leo, and a sister, Elizabeth.

A funeral mass was conducted at St. Francis Borgia Catholic Church in Pigeon, with the Rev. Fr. Barney J. Janowicz, pastor, officiating. Burial was in St. Roch Catholic Cemetery, Caseville. Meyersieck-Bussema Funeral Home in Pigeon handled funeral arrangements.

Memorial Mass offerings may be made to St. Francis Borgia Catholic Church, or memorials may be made to the organization of the donor's choice.