

Franklin V. Strauch

1924 – 1999

Franklin Vern "Frank" Strauch, age 75 of Pigeon, passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, September 18 at his hunting cabin near Curran.

He was born on the family farm west of Linkville on January 3, 1924, the son of the late Paul and Alpha (Dubs) Strauch and graduated from Christian Day School at St. Paul in Linkville. On November 24, 1945 he was united in marriage to Doris O. Smith at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Linkville. She survives him.

Mr. Strauch was an avid bowler, owning and operating Pigeon Lanes for 13 years, beginning in 1962. He also farmed throughout his lifetime. He was a member of the Pigeon Lions Club as well as the Pigeon Conservation Club, and was an ardent sportsman who enjoyed golfing and hunting, especially at the hunting cabin near Curran. He pitched for St. Paul's Walther League ball team for many years.

He was a faithful and active member of St. Paul Lutheran Church, where he was baptized in 1924 and confirmed in 1937, serving as President, Elder, Trustee, and in other offices and work committees.

Two children were born to Frank and Doris: Peggy (Don) Parrish of Owendale, and Jeffery F. Strauch, who died at age 10 after a long illness. They have three grandchildren, Bryan (Eunice) Parrish of Pigeon, Shawn Parrish of Owendale, and Brandee Parrish of Atlanta, Georgia; a step-granddaughter, Tarol (Robert) Douthit; four great-grandchildren, Tyler, Shelby, Racheal, and Kayla Parrish; three step-great-grandchildren, Stephanie Thorp, and Destinee and Orion Douthit; two sisters, Dorothy Gettel of Bad Axe and Shirley (Donald) Kruse of Cass City; several nieces and nephews; and many cousins.

Funeral Services will be conducted at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 22 at St. Paul Lutheran Church, with Rev. Timothy Loewe, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the St. Paul Building Fund.

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