

Ziehm, Richard J.

Richard James Ziehm, 77, of Gagetown passed away at his home on Saturday, Feb. 23, 2008. He was born May 8, 1930 in Brookfield Township in Huron County to the late Basil and Louise (Morrice) Ziehm.

He graduated from Sebewaing High School in 1948 and MSU in 1952.

He then served as a 1st Lieutenant in the United States Air Force during the Korean War, spending several months in Morocco and a year in Korea.

On Feb. 1, 1953, he was united in marriage to Evelyn Devereaux from Corunna.

Upon discharge from the service, they moved to the Ziehm family farm in Gagetown where Richard was a lifetime farmer. He was active in state and local agricultural boards, the local school board and other organizations.

He is remembered by his wife, Evelyn; their four children, Larry (Virginia) Ziehm of Gagetown, Sandy (Scott) Kurzer of Durand, Ron (Leigh) Ziehm of Berger, Mo., and Lori (Walt) Strathdee of Leesburg, Va.; 11 grandchildren; his sister, Georgia (Dennis) Condon of Okemos; and his sister-in-law, Lois Devereaux Schweitzer of Champaign, Ill. The family's lives were enriched by cultural experiences over the years through numerous exchange students, including Ami (Ivarsson) Nilsson of Sweden and Luz (Vales) de Garza of Mexico.

Funeral services with military honors will be conducted at 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 28, 2008 at the Ransford Funeral Home in Caro with the Rev. Jerome K. Smith officiating. A private burial will take place at a later date for the immediate family.

Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Ransford Funeral Home, 205 W. Sherman St., Caro and from 10 a.m. until the time of service at 11 a.m. Thursday.

Memorials may be made to Rawson Memorial District Library, 6495 Pine St., Cass City, MI 48726; the Caro United Methodist Church, 670 W. Gilford Road, Caro, MI 48723 or to the American Lung Association, 25900 Greenfield, Suite 401, Oak Park, MI 48237. Friends may share memories, thoughts and prayers online at www.ransfordfuneralhome.com.