

Dahlke, Chester A.

Chester Albert Dahlke, 89, of Harbor Beach, passed away Thursday, March 4, 2010 after a short illness.

He was born Oct. 3, 1920 in Harbor Beach to Matilda (Cowper) and Frank Dahlke.

Chet married Alice Oswald on Sept. 3, 1948. She preceded him in death in 1995. He then married Genevieve (Roberts) Talaski in 1996. She passed away in 2000.

He attended Brockway Country School through the 8th grade. He was a veteran of WWII and served in the 11th armored division of the U.S. army in Europe as a medic. He was a farmer and worked at Hercules until he retired in 1983. He attended Zion Lutheran Church.

He is survived by two daughters; Conni (Randy) Griffie of Mansfield, Ohio and Charlene (Michael) Benson of Westminster, Colo.; two sons; Charles of Harbor Beach and Curtis (Carol) of Earlville, Iowa; nine grandchildren; Corinne (Ken) Mentell, Cyle McClure, Steve and David Benson, Mike (Becky) Dahlke, Chuckie (Jamie) Dahlke, Michele Dahlke, Charity (Jeff) Kelchen and Jeremy Dahlke; eight great-grandchildren; two step-great-grandchildren; sister-in-laws; Dorothy Oswald, MaryLou Oswald, Thelma Oswald and Shirley Oswald; brother-in-law and sister-in-law Eugene and Jackie Oswald and several nieces and nephews. He is also survived by dear friend, Julie Scherer.

He was preceded in death by a son, Delmar Dahlke and sister, Dorothy Link.

Funeral Services for Chester were at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 7, 2010 at the Zion Lutheran Church, with the Rev. David McCloskey officiating. Burial took place at 11 a.m. Monday in Rock Falls Cemetery.

Military Honors were given by the VFW Post of Harbor Beach on Monday at the graveside service.