

ERVIN L. HARDER

1925 - 1981

Ervin L. Harder, age 56, of Bay Port, passed away June 8 at his home following a seven-month illness.

He was born in Bay Port on April 1, 1925, the son of Elmer and Ellen (Smith) Harder and was united in marriage to Alma N. Naffien on Oct. 19, 1945 in Linkville. Mr. Harder served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He was employed as a commercial fisherman and a painter before his retirement due to a disability. He was a member of Fair Haven Mennonite Church and American Legion Post 533, Bay Port.

Mr. Harder is survived by his wife, Alma; three sons, Robert, East Lansing, Ervin Jr. and Richard, both of Bay Port; three daughters, Mrs. Dan (Pat) Anderson, Lewiston, Mrs. Cliff (Mary) Lazarus, Mecosta, Mrs. Lowell (Margaret) Brown, Bay Port; 16 grandchildren and 1 brother, Duane Harder, Bay Port.

Funeral services were held Thursday, June 11 from Pigeon River Mennonite Church. The Rev. Wayne J. Keim and Rev. Luke Yoder officiated with burial in the New Bay Port Cemetery.

The Dinkel-Juengel Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.