

EARL DeBOER, SR.

1913 - 1985

Earl R. DeBoer, Sr., 81 of Pigeon (Caseville Township), passed away Tuesday, May 8 at his home following a long illness.

He was born in Grand Rapids on Nov. 1, 1913, the son of the late Jacob and Mary (Rosenzweig) DeBoer. On Sept. 30, 1940, he was united in marriage to Jennie Beach at the Caseville United Methodist Church.

Mr. DeBoer was a Detective Sergeant with the Michigan State Police from 1937 until 1968, having served in Bad Axe, Sandusky, Bay City and Rockford, and during which time he received 13 meritorious service awards. Following his retirement from the Michigan State Police, he was employed with LTV Aerospace until 1978. Mr. DeBoer was a member of the Retired Command Officers' Association of the Michigan State Police, and was an active member of the Caseville United Methodist Church and its Friendship Club. He enjoyed golf and was a member of Helder Harbour Golf Club.

His survivors include his wife, Jennie; two sons, E. Robert, Jr. and his wife Nancy DeBoer, Caro, and Paul A. DeBoer, Pigeon; a daughter and son-in-law, Patricia DeBoer and Curtis Youngblood, Raleigh, North Carolina; two grandchildren, Dirk R. DeBoer and Denice A. DeBoer, a sister, Frances Dingman, Kalamazoo; three brothers, Lawrence (Lucille) DeBoer, Howard City, Jack (Muriel) DeBoer, Grand Rapids, and Jacob (Anna) DeBoer, Grand Ledge; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Edward and Kenneth.

Funeral services were conducted Friday, May 12 from the Caseville United Methodist Church with Rev. Gregg Mayberry, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Caseville Township Cemetery. Meyersack-Bussema Funeral Home in Pigeon handled funeral arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Caseville United Methodist Church or Friends for Life Hospice, Bad Axe.