

**Armbruster, Donald J.**

Donald J. Armbruster, 80, of Pigeon, passed away Friday, Feb. 29, 2008 at the Huron County Medical Care Facility, Bad Axe.

Born Oct. 22, 1927 in Pigeon, he was the son of the late William and Perle (Pfaff) Armbruster. He graduated from Big Turner Rural School where his sister, Mildred, was his teacher. He later attended Elkton High School. On July 30, 1955, he was united in marriage to Pearl A. Engelhardt at Bethel Lutheran Church in Bay City. She passed away Sept. 17, 2005. They had been married more than 50 years.

Don farmed and raised cattle throughout his lifetime and also worked at the Michigan Livestock Exchange in Cass City. He loved farming, camping, and traveling with his family and his wife, Pearl. He especially enjoyed being with his children and grandchildren, and also enjoyed playing cards and spending time and visiting with his dear friends at Country Gardens in Pigeon.

He was an active member of St. John's Lutheran Church, Berne.

He is survived by three children, Lori and Paul Swartzendruber of Pigeon, Lynn and Dale Polega of Bad Axe, and Brian and special friend, Pam Young of Elkton; eight grandchildren, Jessica, Angie and Jill Swartzendruber, Ryan, Corey and Shayna Polega, Brianna Armbruster, and Robby Young; a sister, Mildred Oeschger of Bay Port; two sisters-in-law, Frances Armbruster of Pigeon and Carol Ann Warren of Bay City; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Robert Armbruster; and two brothers-in-law, Ed Oeschger and Kenneth Engelhardt.

Funeral service will be conducted at 11 a.m. Tuesday, March 4, 2008 at St. John's Lutheran Church, Berne, with the Rev. James A. Gorseger, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Visitation will be from 3 to 9 p.m. Monday at Meyersieck-Bussema Funeral Home, Pigeon and at 10 a.m. Tuesday at St. John's Lutheran Church, Berne.

Memorials for Mr. Armbruster may be made to St. John's Lutheran Church, Scheurer Hospital or the American Heart Association.