



WALTER W. KESSEL, age 81 of Port Hope, passed away Sunday, June 17, 2012 at his home under hospice care. He was born on November 21, 1930 to the late William and Martha (Schmidt) Kessel. Walter married Mary Riley on September 10, 1983 in Port Hope. Wally was a farmer, cattle hauler and was sexton for various cemeteries: Marquardt Cemetery, Lakeview Cemetery, Forest Bay Cemetery, and Port Hope Cemetery. He enjoyed hunting and fishing. He is survived by his wife Mary Kessel of Port Hope, step children: Walter and Dena Simpson of Mayville, Greg and Rena Simpson of Grand Rapids, and Alice Ames of North Carolina, 8 step grandchildren, 5 step great grandchildren, 2 sisters: Vera Stinson of Flint and Erma Bolanowski of Flint, and nieces and nephews. Walter was preceded in death by his brothers Art, Herman, Arnold and Harold Kessel.

Funeral Services for Walter will be Wednesday, June 20, 2012 at 1 pm at St. John Lutheran Church of Port Hope, with Rev. Greg Eilers officiating. Burial will follow in Marquardt Cemetery. Visitation for Wally will be Tuesday, June 19, 2012 from 1-9pm at the Ramsey Funeral Home of Harbor Beach. Visitation on Wednesday will be at the church beginning at 12 noon until time of services at 1 pm. A scripture service will take place Tuesday at 7 pm in the funeral home.