

Diebel, Clayton

Clayton O. Diebel, 80, of Pigeon, passed away Sunday, Jan. 26, 2003, at Scheurer Hospital in Pigeon. He was born in Pigeon on June 6, 1922, the son of the late Frank and Alice C. (Ebach) Diebel, and graduated from Pigeon High School in 1940. On Nov. 20, 1943, he was united in marriage to Edna L. Burk at her parents home in Ferndale. They celebrated more than 59 years of marriage. Mr. Diebel served with the United States Air Force from 1943-1952, and was discharged as a captain. For nine years he was building inspector for the city of Oak Park, and in 1982 he retired as director of building and safety engineering for the city of Southfield. He was a member of the Hubbard Winsor Lodge No. 420 F & AM and the Pigeon Historical Society. Mr. Diebel was active with the Gideons, having served as president of the southeastern camp of the Gideons prior to his retirement, and was also past president of Building Officials and Code Administrators. He was a member of the Cross Lutheran Church in Pigeon. Mr. Diebel is survived by his wife, Edna; three children, Audrey McMullen and her husband, Ray, of Petoskey, George Diebel and his wife, June, of Royal Oak, Alice Diebel of Albion; four grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; two sisters, Mary Dast and her husband, Robert, of Pigeon, Florence Decker and her husband, Gerald, of Bay City; two brothers, Thaddeus Diebel and his wife, Juanita Richey, of Hesperia and Norris Diebel and his wife, Donna Hanniman, of Sebawaing; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by two sisters, Louise Demming and Frances Joos and her husband, Maurice; a brother, William; and two infant brothers. The funeral service will be conducted at noon on Saturday, Feb. 1, 2003, at Cross Lutheran Church with the Rev. Dellis Hudson, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery. A Masonic Service will be conducted at 7 p.m. on Friday at the Meyersieck-Bussema Funeral Home in Pigeon. Visitation will be from 5 to 9 p.m. on Friday at the funeral home and from 11 a.m. until the time of the service on Saturday at the church. Memorials may be made to Cross Lutheran Church, Cross Lutheran School, the Gideons, or the Pigeon Historical Society.