Yackle, Orville

Orville Oswald Yackle, 84, of Pigeon passed away suddenly on Friday, Nov. 30, 2001, at Scheurer Hospital in Pigeon. He was born on Nov. 21, 1917, in Pigeon, son of the late Gottlieb and Helena (Kurzer) Yackle. He graduated from Pigeon High School in 1936. On Aug. 3, 1946, he was united in marriage to Hannah Jane Rogers at the Elkton E.U.B. Church. She survives him. In addition to farming the family farm, Mr. Yackle was a drainage contractor. He was a former member of the Co-operative Elevator board of directors for 18 years, where he ha also served as chairman for three years. Orville was a member of the Farm Bureau and enjoyed singing in the Pigeon Men's Community Chorus and various quartets in Pigeon and Florida. He was very creative mechanically. His hobbies included: scroll woodworking, motorcycle riding and flying as a private pilot. He and his wife wintered in Florida for 18 years. He was a faithful member of the Elkton Missionary Church. He is survived by his wife of more than 55 years, Hanna Jane; three children, Douglas Yackle and his wife, Dianne, of Pigeon, Phyllis Heckemeyer and her husband, Anthony, of Northville and Patricia Kraay and her husband, Robert, of Hickory, N.C.; seven grandchildren, Katrina Smith and her husband, Timothy, Amity Heckemeyer, Sarah Heckemeyer, Maria Kraay, Nathaniel Kraay, Gregory Yackle and Karianne Yackle; two great-grandchildren, Jackson and Hughston Smith; a sister, Beatrice Stange of Bay City; sister-in-law, Mae Yackle of Pigeon; several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a sister, Alice Bedford, and a brother, Willis Yackle. Visitation will be from 2 to 9 p.m. today at Meyersieck-Bussema Funeral Home, a Golden Rule Funeral Home, in Pigeon, and Monday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the church.

The funeral service will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 3, 2001, at Elkton Missionary Church with the Rev. Larry R. Salsburey, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Grand Lawn Cemetery in Pigeon. Memorials may be made to Elkton Missionary Church.