

Swartzendruber, Walter R.

Walter R. Swartzendruber, 97, of Sebewaing and formerly of Owendale, passed away Monday, Dec. 24, 2007 at his home in Medallion Village, Sebewaing.

He was born Aug. 17, 1910 in Bay Port, and was the son of the late Joe and Emma (Shetler) Swartzendruber.

On March 26, 1932 he was united in marriage to Bessie Caull in Bay Port. She preceded him in death Oct. 11, 1975. He attended and graduated from the Kilmanagh Rural School and farmed throughout his lifetime.

Mr. Swartzendruber is survived by two sons, Winston (Corinne) Swartzendruber of Ephrata, Pa. and Cecil (Erma) Swartzendruber of Goshen, Ind.; six grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; two brothers, Ed (Mary) Swartzendruber and Claude (Shirley) Swartzendruber, both of Goshen, Ind.; two sisters, Alma Heap of Goshen, Ind. and Bessie (Joe) Gabriel of Kent, Ohio; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a grandson, Greg, in 1998 and three brothers, Paul, Willie and Omar.

The funeral service will be conducted at 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 27, 2007 at the Meyersieck-Bussema Funeral Home, Pigeon, with the Rev. William Wright, pastor of Trinity United Methodist Church in Sebewaing, officiating. Burial will be in Michigan Avenue Mennonite Church Cemetery. Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday and from 10 a.m. until the time of service Thursday at the funeral home.

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