

Herman, Elmer R.

Elmer R. Herman, 83, a long-time Elkton-area farmer, died Monday morning, June 6, 2005, at Huron Medical Center following a massive heart attack. He was born September 14, 1921 in Bad Axe to the late Rev. Allen and Mabel (DeGroat) Herman. A short time later, his father was transferred to Washington state to serve at a church there. In 1933, the family moved back to Huron County where they bought a farm in Chandler Township. On December 3, 1949, he was united in marriage to Eileen M. Weidman at her parent's home in Winsor Township. They took over the operation of the family farm, retiring in 1989. While farming, Elmer also was an agent for the Brotherhood Mutual Insurance Company until the company left the state. He was a member of the Elkton Missionary Church where he had served in many capacities. He also sang in the church quartet and choir for many years and had served as Chandler Township treasurer for more than a decade. Surviving are his wife of 55 years, Eileen; eight children, Marie Bowen and her husband, Roland, of Glenshaw, Pennsylvania, the Rev. Barbara Coalter and her husband, Jeff, of Snowhill, Maryland, Allen Herman and his wife, Linda, of Fillion, Diane Gundersen and her husband, Steve, of Bellevue, Washington, George Herman and his wife, Julie, of Linwood, Washington, Glen Herman and his wife, Kathy, of Clinton Township, Emily Turner and her husband, Steve, of Pigeon, and Hope Kosier and her husband, David, of Waldorf, Maryland; 17 grandchildren, Dr. Michael and his wife, Sara, Sean and Derek Bowen, Tara and Brooke Coalter, Justin, Joshua and his wife, Melissa, and Jordan Herman, Riley Gundersen, Grant and Rhiana Herman, Holly, Tiffany and Nicole Herman, Jesse, and Alex and Eric Turner; and great-grandson, Ethan Herman; sisters, Della Trudgen, of Pigeon, Lillian Williams and her husband, Willard, of Yale, Suzanne Schember, of Pigeon, and Mabel Herman, of Owendale; a brother, Paul Herman, of Pigeon; and sisters-in-law, Genevieve Herman, of Farmington Hills, and Doris Herman, of Cass City. Preceding him in death were his brothers, Gilbert and Donald Herman; and brothers-in-law, Harold Trudgen and Olin Schember. Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Thursday, June 9, 2005, at the Elkton Missionary Church. The Rev. Reggie Courless, pastor, will officiate with burial in Chandler Township Cemetery. Visitation will be from 2 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday at the Champagne Funeral Chapel in Elkton and after 10 a.m. on Thursday at the church. Memorials may be given to the church. Words of condolence may be shared online at www.cfcElkton.com.