

Ellis, Charles J.

Charles J. "Charlie" Ellis, 86, of Parkland, Fla. and formerly of Pigeon, passed away Tuesday, Jan. 20, 2009 in Parkland, Fla.

Born in Flint on March 21, 1922, he was the son of the late Albert and Lena (Yunker) Ellis. On June 5, 1956, he was united in marriage to Zora Rapson in Millington and she preceded him in death on Jan. 10, 1983. He was then united in marriage to Lillian "Bea" Davis MacKenzie in Bradenton, Fla. on March 2, 1984, and she preceded him in death on Dec. 2, 2000.

Charlie was a teacher, guidance counselor, and bus driver at Owendale Public Schools as well as a guidance counselor at Laker High School. He was a great friend to many staff members and students. He was a Shriner, a 32nd Degree Mason, and a former member of the Moose Lodge. He was also a former member of the First United Methodist Church of Pigeon.

He is survived by several nieces and nephews and many great-nieces and great-nephews. He is also survived by his stepdaughter, the daughter of Beatrice McKenzie Ellis, Janet (William) Ballagh and her family.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Irene Mary Marshall.

Funeral service will be conducted at 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, 2009 at Meyersieck-Bussema Funeral Home, Pigeon, with the Rev. John Britt, pastor of First United Methodist Church in Pigeon, officiating. Burial will be in the springtime at the Grant Township Cemetery near Gagetown.

Visitation will be from 11:00 a.m. until the time of service at 1:00 pm Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Owendale-Gagetown Schools or the charity of the donor's choice.