

Stirrett, C. Lee

C. Lee Stirrett, 86, of Pigeon, passed away Saturday, December 11, 2004, at the Scheurer Hospital Long Term Care Unit in Pigeon. He was born in Chandler Township on December 6, 1918, son of the late Earl and Rose (Steinman) Stirrett and graduated eighth grade from the Chandler No. 6 School. During World War II, he was a member of the United States Army stationed in Okinawa and the Panama Canal Zone. On January 3, 1947, he was united in marriage to Marie Dast at Angola, Indiana. She preceded him in death on July 5, 1997. Mr. Stirrett retired from Pigeon Manufacturing after working there more than 20 years, and prior to that he delivered dry cleaning for Eicher's Cleaners. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Pigeon, the Hubbard Winsor Lodge No. 420 F & AM, a life member of the VFW Pigeon Post 2236, where he was District 10 Commander 1971-1972, as well as a former member of the Pigeon Lions Club, where he was a charter member. He is survived by a daughter, Judy Markham and her husband, Ed, of Bad Axe; a son, "Stu" Jerry Stirrett and his wife, Kathy, of Owendale; six grandchildren, Stu Stirrett and his wife, Laura, Jeff Welther and his wife, Beth, Debbie Highway and her husband, Brian, Chad Stirrett and his wife, Renee, Jeremy Volz, and Bryan Volz; four step-grandchildren, Michael Markham and his wife, Zoe, Aaron Markham and his special friend, Tara, Sarah Fritz and her husband, Zach, and Bridget Stirrett; seven great-grandchildren; two sisters, Lena Wing and her husband, Vern, of Traverse City, and Jean Stanton and her husband, Merle, of Owosso; two brothers, Leonard Stirrett and his wife, Lucille, and Allen Stirrett, all of Bad Axe; a sister-in-law, Maxine Stirrett, of Pigeon; a special friend, Esther Schweitzer, of Pigeon; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Clifford and Donald. The funeral service will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, December 14, 2004, at the First United Methodist Church in Pigeon, with the Rev. Margaret Passenger, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Grand Lawn Cemetery with military honor guard. A masonic service will be offered at 7:30 p.m. today at the Meyersieck-Bussema Funeral Home, Pigeon. Visitation will be from 1 to 9 p.m. today at the Meyersieck-Bussema Funeral Home, Pigeon, and from 10 a.m. until the time of service at 11 a.m. on Tuesday at church. Memorials for Mr. Stirrett may be made to First United Methodist Church, Scheurer Hospital, Country Gardens, or Scheurer Hospital Long Term Care.