Ellicott, Willard

Willard Henry Ellicott, 84, of Grant Township near Owendale died Wednesday morning, May 24, 2000, at the Huron County Medical Care Facility in Bad Axe. He was born Nov. 30, 1915, in Grant Township, son of the late George and Emma (Holshoe) Ellicott. He married Helen Putman on Feb. 17, 1939. He worked production at Michigan Lumber and farmed until his retirement in 1976. He was a member of the Elkton United Methodist Church. He graduated from Owendale High School in 1934. Willard enjoyed gardening, playing cards, spending time with the grandchildren, hunting, ice fishing and was a high school sports fan. He also liked the Detroit Tigers, Red Wings and Lions. He is survived by his wife, Helen; two daughters, Judy Sowden and her husband. Lee, of Owendale, and Joanne Sweeney and her husband. Ron. of Bad Axe; two sons, Frank Ellicott and his wife, Janet, of Mayville, and David Ellicott and his wife, Lesa, of Owendale: 12 grandchildren, Paul Sowden of Pennsylvania, Russell Sowden of Owendale, Susan Sauer and her husband, Dave, of Bad Axe, Pam Peters and her husband, Brian, of Cass City, Kelly Schiable of Bad Axe, Katie Sweeney of Bad Axe, Steven Ellicott of Owendale, Matthew Ellicott and his wife, Julie, of Caro, Timothy Ellicott and his wife, Shannon, of Sparta, Beth Ellicott of Sparta, and Lindsey Ellicott and Sarah Ellicott, both of Owendale; seven great-grandchildren; one sister, Irene Neal of London, Ontario, Canada; one sister-in-law, Jean Putman of Owendale; and several nieces and nephews. Willard was preceded in death by two brothers, Albert and Lavern Ellicott. Funeral services will take place at 1 p.m. Friday, May 26, 2000, at the Elkton United Methodist Church. The Rev. Peter Crawford, pastor, and the Rev. Robert Garrett will officiate. Burial will take place in the Grant Township Cemetery. Visitation will be 2 to 9 p.m. today at the MacAlpine Funeral Home in Bad Axe and from 11 a.m. until the time of services Friday at the church. Memorials may be made to the Huron County Medical Care Facility or the American Diabetes Association.