

Leon W. Swartzendruber, 84, passed away at his home in Pigeon on Sunday, Nov. 4, 2012.

He was born Aug. 31, 1928, in Pigeon, son of the late David and Ellen (Weidman) Swartzendruber, and graduated from Turner Country School. On May 20, 1950 he was united in marriage to Edith Ruby in Pigeon.

Leon retired from the Cooperative Elevator in 1990 after working there more than 40 years. Following his retirement, he stayed active enjoying his family, gardening, and driving truck for the Cooperative Elevator and for several farmer friends. He also helped at the Meyersieck-Bussema Funeral Home for many years. He was a faithful, active member of Michigan Avenue Mennonite Church in Pigeon, where he had formerly served as trustee and treasurer.

In addition to his wife, Edith, Leon is survived by three children, Ronald (Sara) of Palmer Lake, Colo., Evelyn (John) Weier of Freeman, S. D. and Roger (Kristina) of Caseville; eight grandchildren, Mollie, Aaron, Marshall, Kyle, Katie, Nathan, Emily, and Rachel; ten great-grandchildren; one sister, Elaine (Duane) Ropp of Pigeon; and several nieces and nephews.

A brother, Raymond, and a sister, Pauline Swartzendruber, preceded him in death.

The funeral service will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 10, 2012 at Michigan Avenue Mennonite Church, with the Rev. Scot Wilson, pastor, officiating. Burial will follow at the church cemetery.

Visitation will take place from 2 to 8 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 9 at Meyersieck-Bussema Funeral Home in Pigeon and from 10 a.m. until the time of service on Saturday at the Michigan Avenue Mennonite Church. Memorials may be made to Michigan Avenue Mennonite Church, the Gideons or Heartland Hospice.

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