

WILLIAM J. HALEY

1908 - 1995

William J. Haley, 86, a lifelong resident of Oliver Township near Eldon, passed away May 22 at his home following a short illness.

Mr. Haley was born July 9, 1908 in Bad Axe, son of the late Oliver N. and Mary A. (Thornton) Haley.

Mr. Haley and Vera M. Pepper were married Jan. 19, 1929 at the family farm in Oliver Township. The couple was married for 66 years.

Mr. Haley attended the First Baptist Church, Bad Axe, and the Cedar Rural Country School and served on the school board.

He farmed for many years, retiring in 1974. He enjoyed travel, playing cards and visiting with family.

Survivors include his wife Vera; two daughters, Mary Ann Thick and her husband Harold of Pigeon, Judy McIntyre and her husband Eugene of Bad Axe; two sons, Keith Haley and his wife Hope of Sebowaing, Richard Haley and his wife Mary of Bad Axe; 10 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren; one sister, Martha Apley of St. Clair Shores; one half-sister, Lorene Dombass; one step-sister Marie Cox of California; and one step-brother, Maurice Cotler of Saginaw; and several nieces and nephews.

Mr. Haley was preceded in death by two sisters, Lily Mae Apley and Velma Huff.

Funeral services were conducted May 24 at the McAlpine Funeral Home of Bad Axe, with the Rev. Millard Herron, interim pastor of First Baptist Church of Bad Axe, officiating. Burial was in Colfax Cemetery.

Memorials may be offered to First Baptist Church.