



**James Earl "Jim" Maust**, 80 of Pigeon, passed away Tuesday, September 8, 2015 at Courtney Manor in Bad Axe.

Born in Bay Port on July 5, 1935, he was the son of Earl J. and Idella (Overholt) Maust. He attended Snell Rural School and Kilmanagh School, graduated from Eastern Mennonite School, and attended Eastern Mennonite College for two years. Jim served two years of voluntary service in Flint and Ann Arbor.

He was married to Freda Jeanette Swartzendruber on June 28, 1958 and they have celebrated 57 years of marriage.

Jim farmed throughout his lifetime, and after retiring from farming, briefly drove truck for Forward Shell Company, and he especially enjoyed working for and driving for Gascho Furniture Company.

Jim was active in the beginning years with Thumb Blue Water Youth for Christ. He loved all kinds of music and especially Gospel music. He enjoyed singing in the Pigeon Men's Community Chorus. Jim loved spending time with his family and traveling throughout the world. He was a faithful member of Pigeon River Mennonite Church, Pigeon. In addition to his wife, Freda, Jim is survived by his children, Cindy (H. Timothy) Myers of Wilder, Idaho, Barry Maust of Pigeon, and Kevin (Dawn) Maust of Sallisaw, Oklahoma; grandchildren: T.J., Joshua, Nicole, Abigail, Kami, and Michael; great-granddaughter, Meredith; brother, Glenn (Erma) Maust of Bay Port; sister, Cora Yoder of Pigeon; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his brother Elmer and an infant brother; and his sister Gertrude Dutcher.

The funeral service will be conducted at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 12, 2015 at Pigeon River Mennonite Church, with Tom Beachy officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Pigeon River Mennonite Church.