

Haist, Willard

Willard P. "Doc" Haist, D.D.S., 85, of Pigeon passed away Saturday, Feb. 5, 2000, at the Huron County Medical Care Facility, Bad Axe, following a long illness. He was born in Pigeon on Aug. 12, 1914, the son of the late Mose and Laura (Geiger) Haist. Following his graduation from Pigeon High School in 1932, he attended Michigan Agriculture College until 1934, then attended and graduated from the University of Michigan Dental School in 1937. On June 27, 1937, he was united in marriage to Leah Maxwell at the Evangelical Church of Pigeon (now Salem United Methodist Church). She preceded him in death on June 19, 1998. Dr. and Mrs. Haist were married for more than 60 years. He opened his dental practice in Pigeon in June 1939, and in 1942 he began service with the U.S. Army Dental Corps at Fort Knox, Ky. He returned to his Pigeon dental practice in 1945, where he remained until his retirement in 1982.

Dr. Haist was a former member of the Pigeon Lions Club and a current member of the Pigeon Rotary Club, where he was awarded a Paul Harris Fellow in 1987. He was a former member of the Pigeon Men's Community Chorus, a member of the Gideons and a life member of the Michigan Dental Association. He was a faithful, active member of Salem United Methodist

Church in Pigeon. His survivors include his daughter, Lois Dewald and her husband, Samuel, of Auburn; two sons, Robert Haist and his wife, Sue, of Downingtown, Pa., and Donald Haist and his wife, Becki, of Greenville; seven grandchildren and spouses, Becki Wieland and her husband, Kent, Steven Dewald and his wife, Stacey, Teri Blackburn and her husband, Joseph, Tisa Newhouse and her husband, Nathan, Tricia Haist, Timothy Haist and his fiancée, Jessica Ingles, and Mark Haist; and four great-grandchildren, Hans Wieland, Nicholas Wieland, Lea Ashley Blackburn and David Dewald. Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2000, at Salem United Methodist Church in Pigeon with the Rev. Calvin Long, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Grand Lawn Cemetery, Winsor Township. Visitation will be from 1 to 9 p.m. Tuesday at Meyersieck-Bussema Funeral Home, a Golden Rule Funeral Home, in Pigeon, and from noon until the time of services at 1 p.m. Wednesday at the church. Memorials may be made to the Gideons, Bay Shore Camp or Salem United Methodist Church.