

Walter Paul Bender

Walter Paul Bender, 94, of Harbor Beach, formerly of Port Hope passed away Friday, Sept. 3, 2010 at Huron Medical Care Facility of Bad Axe.

He was born on Dec. 28, 1915 in Port Hope to the late Albert and Olga (Steinhorst) Bender. He and Katherine Schmidt were united in marriage on May 20, 1950 in Concordia Lutheran in Detroit. She preceded him in death on Nov. 14, 1993.

Walter worked on the family farm and Unell Manufacturing in Port Hope. He then became a security guard for Dyck Security, working at Detroit Edison, Nutrasweet, Bad Axe Seat Belt and Carmet Manufacturing. He was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Port Hope, and served on many different church boards and committees. Walter loved visiting with friends and family.

He is survived by his children: Albert Bender and his wife, Janice, of Port Austin, Elmer Bender and his wife, Deb, of Harbor Beach, John Bender and his friend, Tammy Popour, of Port Hope, Larry Bender and his friend, Pam Brown, of Port Hope, Donna Turcsak of Harbor Beach, Kathy Rocha of Saginaw; step children: Allen and Jean Jimick of Greencastle, PA, Elsie Curtindale of Salisbury, NC, and Margaret and Dennis Barton of Caseville; 20 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; eight step-grandchildren and several step great-grandchildren; sister Lucille Maschke of Harbor Beach and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and wife; brothers: Alfred, Durell, Clarence, Wilbert, Earl, Glen and Elmer Bender; and a sister Meta Scovall.

Funeral services for Walter will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 7, 2010 in St. John Lutheran Church in Port Hope, with Rev. Greg Eilers officiating. Burial will follow in Lakeview Cemetery.

Visitation for Walter will be from noon until the time of service at 1 p.m. on Tuesday at the church. A scripture service will take place at 7 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.