

JOHN A. VOLZ

1895-1992

John A. Volz, 97 of Sebewaing, the last World War I veteran from the Sebewaing area, died early Wednesday morning, Oct. 21, at Four Seasons Healthcare Center, Bad Axe, following a brief illness.

He was born at Sebewaing Oct. 12, 1895, the son of Carl and Barbara (Steck) Volz. He was married to Martha Hercliff in Caseville on April 10, 1932. She preceded him in death on May 22, 1985.

Mr. Volz was a farmer in the Sebewaing Area from boyhood, farming many years until his retirement in 1956.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War I and was a well-known participant in activities of American Legion Post 293, Sebewaing. He was honorably discharged from the Army in 1919, and was a well-known figure in Memorial Day services taking part in every Memorial Day parade since his discharge. He attended the 1992 Memorial Day observance, riding in an automobile as the lone World War I survivor in this area.

Mr. Volz was a lifelong member of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Sebewaing, had served on the board of education, and was a longtime member of Farm Bureau.

Surviving are two sons, Herman Volz of Rochester, NY, and Elmer Volz of Sebewaing, three daughters, Mrs. Arthur (Inez) Nitz and Mrs. Clemence (Grace) Esch, both of Sebewaing, and Mrs. James (Betty) Burke of Snowmass, CO, 14 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Judith Volz, three sons, Wilbert, Clemence and Adolph Volz, three sisters and eight brothers.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 24, in Immanuel Lutheran Church, with Rev. Martin J. Hagenow officiating. Burial was in Silverlawn Cemetery, with military graveside services under auspices of American Legion Post 293 of Sebewaing. Arrangements were in charge of Dinkel-Juengel Funeral Home.

Friends wishing to offer memorials are invited to consider Immanuel Church's Radio Mission Fund.