

EDWIN SWARTZENDRUBER

1911 - 1994

Edwin Swartzendruber, 83 of Bay Port, passed away Tuesday, Nov. 22 at his home.

He was born in Kalona, IA on Nov. 6, 1911, son of the late George D. and Naomi Swartzendruber. He was united in marriage to Erma Schwartzendruber on May 1, 1934 at McKinley Township. She survives him.

Mr. Swartzendruber was a farmer and was a school bus driver for the Lake School District for 10 years, retiring in 1975. An avid fisherman, he spent his summers on Drummond Island, then wintered in Yuma, AZ. He was a member of Michigan Avenue Mennonite Church, Pigeon.

His survivors include his wife of 60 years, Erma Swartzendruber; a son, Harold (Louise) Swartzendruber, Bay Port; a daughter, Jean (Ray) Reich, Auburn; six grandchildren, Terry (Teresa) Swartzendruber, Rod (Vicki) Swartzendruber, Dan and Dave Swartzendruber, Amy (Paul) Prowozniak and Alan Reich; three great-grandchildren, Joshua, Keri and Rebecca; a brother, Glenn (Erma) Swartzendruber, Pigeon, three sisters, Kate Albracht, Pigeon, Velma (Ira) Esch, Mio and Edna Gascho, Pigeon and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Lawrence Swartzendruber.

Funeral services were conducted on Friday, Nov. 25 from the Michigan Avenue Mennonite Church. Rev. Jay Miller, pastor, officiated with burial in the church cemetery.

The Meyersieck-Bussema Funeral Home, Pigeon, was in charge of funeral arrangements.

Memorials may be made to Michigan Avenue Mennonite Church, Friends for Life Hospice, Hospitality House of Northern Michigan Hospitals (Petoskey) or the organization of the donor's choice.