

Tate, Raymond R.

Raymond "Bud" Tate, 81, of Pigeon, passed away Thursday, March 13, 2008 while at home with his family.

Raymond was born April 8, 1926 in Onaway. He was the son of the late Henry and Ruth Tate. Raymond was a veteran of the Army serving his country in World War II. In August of 1949, he was united in marriage to Eleanor Schulze.

Raymond was a member of the Cross Lutheran Church of Pigeon and the VFW Pigeon Post 2236. He was a local sports enthusiast, loved entertaining people with his colorful jokes, shooting pool and hanging out with his buddies at local coffee shops.

Raymond is survived by his wife, Eleanor, of Pigeon; his three sons, Robert and his wife, Linda, of Pigeon, Richard and his wife, Mary, of Cass City, and Timothy and his wife, Patricia, of Pigeon; six grandchildren, Stephanie (Rick) Champagne, Todd (Tracy) Tate, Joel Tate, Chad (Mary) Tate, Beth Ann Tate and Justin Tate; five great-grandchildren, Cassie, Ryleigh, Dylan, Kennedy and Alexis; two sisters, Pat (Clyde) Wells of Cass City and Jean Martin of Caro; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Raymond will be at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 18, 2008 at Cross Lutheran Church in Pigeon with the Rev. Timothy E. Loehrke, pastor officiating. Burial will be at Cross Lutheran Cemetery in Pigeon.

Veterans memorial service will be at 7:30 p.m. Monday at the Meyersieck-Bussema Funeral Home, Pigeon.

Visitation will be from noon to 9 p.m. Monday at Meyersieck-Bussema Funeral Home in Pigeon and at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at Cross Lutheran Church in Pigeon.

Memorials may be made to Cross Lutheran School, Cross Lutheran Church, or the family.