

Sherman, Claude

Claude Sherman, 88, of Unionville, died Sunday, January 30, 2005, at The Fisher Convalescent Home in Mayville following a lengthy illness. He was born October 21, 1916 in Reese, son of the late Clyde and Lillian (Wagner) Sherman. He was united in marriage to Ila M. Gotham on November 9, 1940 in Sebewaing. She preceded him in death on June 25, 1998. Claude had farmed in the Unionville area for many years and also had been employed at the Defoe Shipbuilding in Bay City before retiring 30 years ago. He also worked for Kemp Tiling and Michigan Sugar Company in Sebewaing. He later farmed for Ken Wildner. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and was stationed in Normandy, France. He was a member of the Sebewaing V.F.W. Post No. 4115, Sebewaing American Legion Post No. 293, and the Unionville American Legion Post No. 421. Surviving are eight daughters, two sons, and their spouses, Pearl and Richard Zaleski, and Hazel and Glenn Abbe, all of Owendale, Ernest and Shirley Sherman, Bonnie and Leo Fischer, all of Sebewaing, Rosemary and Gary Drews, of Grayling, Joyce and Frank Spencer, of Cass City, Gloria and Michael Buchinger, of Reese, Linda and Oscar Schmidt, of Vassar, Gail and Mike Osborn, of Caro, Leroy and Stella Sherman, of Akron; many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren; three sisters, Alice Gradowski, of Lansing, Irene Grappen, of Bay City, Betty Parker, of Grass Lake; one brother, Chris Sherman, of Tennessee; many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by one brother, Elmer Sherman; two sisters, Margaret Heme and Viola Sherman; and one grandson, Gary Osterle. The funeral service will take place at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, February 2, 2005, at the Dinkel-Juengel Funeral Home in Sebewaing. The Rev. Arthur Stone will officiate with burial in Hickory Island Cemetery near Unionville. Visitation will be from 7 to 9 p.m. today, from noon to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, and from 9 a.m. on Wednesday until the time of the service at the funeral home. Military graveside committal service will be conducted under the auspices of the Unionville and Sebewaing American Legion and the Sebewaing V.F.W. Those planning an expression of sympathy are asked to consider the Alzheimer's Association.