

Dilleree Sr., Richard M.

Mr. Richard M. "Dick" Dilleree, Sr., 74, of Pigeon and formerly of Millington, passed away early Monday, August 16, 2004. Richard M. Dilleree, Sr. was born on August 10, 1930 in Flint, the son of Owen and Neddie (Bellman) Dilleree. As a youngster, he grew up in the Millington area. Richard married Miss Velma Kern. He and Velma celebrated 44 years together before she passed away in December 1993. Dick worked for 39 years with General Motors in the maintenance department of the Chevy V-8 Plant, retiring in 1987. Dick was very devoted to his family. He loved spending time with them as much as possible. He loved hunting, fishing, bowling, and when he was young, he played softball. He played for a number of years for the Millington Herald team. Dick was also very devoted to his Lord and before he became ill, he actively attended the Pineview Mennonite Church. Dick leaves to cherish his memory his family, extended family, and many friends. He is survived by two sons, Richard Dilleree, Jr. and his wife, Sharon, of Caro, Larry Dilleree and his wife, Shirley, of Bay Port; five grandchildren, Tammy Parker and her husband, Tim, David Dilleree, Clifford Dilleree and his wife, Kandi, Sarah Kocher and her husband, Brian, and Joseph Dilleree; two great-granddaughters, Kaylee and Kaitlyn Dilleree; one sister, Virginia Kern and her husband, William "Bill", of Vassar; and several nieces, nephews, extended family and many friends. Dick was preceded in death by a half brother, Everett Bellman, and his parents. Funeral services for Richard will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Thursday, August 19, 2004, at the Pineview Mennonite Church, located north of Millington on Swaffer Road east of M-15. Burial will follow at the Pineview Mennonite Cemetery. Pastor Roger Hazen will be officiating the funeral and burial services. Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. today at the Hanlin Funeral Home in Millington. Richard will lie in state from 10 a.m. until the hour of the services on Thursday at the church. Memorial gifts of remembrance can be directed to the Pineview Mennonite Church or to the Scheurer Hospital Long Term Care Unit. Hanlin Funeral Home in Millington has been assisting the Dilleree family with funeral arrangements for their father Richard.