

## ELMER LLOYD ROPP Jr. 1930 - 1996

Elmer L. Ropp, owner of Thumb Hardware, Elkton, died Wednesday, May 15, at University of Michigan Hospital, Ann Arbor.

He was born December 21, 1930 in near Bay Port to Mary (Kiem) Ropp and the late Elmer Ropp.

Elmer was a 1949 graduate of Pigeon High School. After serving four years in the US Air Force during the Korean War era, he attended trade school in Chicago.

On September 3, 1956 he was united in marriage to Elsie (Atchley) Parker in Cheyenne, WY. She preceded him in death on his birthday in 1992.

Upon his return to the Pigeon area, he became the service technician at Don Brown Electric. In November of 1968, Elmer and his wife, purchased the hardware store in Elkton.

Mr. Ropp was a member of First Baptist Church, Bad Axe, past president of the Elkton Community Club and past president of the Elkton Rotary. He served on the Elkton Village council for 10 years, eight as mayor. He was an avid golfer and enjoyed sports of any kind and had pitched fast pitch softball in Pigeon for many of years.

Surviving him is two sons; Dennis Ropp of Elkton, and Richard Ropp of Longmont, CO, his daughter; Carolyn Schlabach of Aurora, CO, one step-son Randy (Debbie) Parker of Schoolcraft, five grandchildren; Jordan, Keegan, Devlin, Tavis, and Gentry, his mother; Mary Ropp of Pigeon, three brothers; Duane (Elaine) Ropp, Harold (Mildred) Ropp, both of Pigeon, and Leon (Patsy) Ropp of Bradenton, FL, three sisters; Catherine (Lotis) Miller of Fairview, Carolyn (Charles) Moyer of Perkasio, PA, and Grace (John) Blair of Bad Axe. A brother, Lyle Ropp preceded him in death.

Funeral services will be Monday, May 20, at 1:00 P.M. at the First Baptist Church, Bad Axe. Rev. Howard Foreman, pastor will officiate with burial in Riverside Cemetery, Elkton.

Memorials may be given to the:  
Oliver Twp. Fire Dept. Jaws of Life Fund or the Church.