

Norman Theodore Ewald

Mr. Norman Theodore Ewald, 94, of Unionville, passed away Jan. 1, 2011. Born in Unionville on Aug. 17, 1916 to Godfried and Mary (Engelhardt) Ewald, Norm remained a lifelong resident.

He was a farmer all of his lifetime and a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church and its Lutheran Laymen's League, served as trustee and elder, was a member of the Riverside Farm Bureau, and held membership in Hope Lutheran Church of Bradenton, Fla., where he and his wife wintered for many years. In addition to his busy schedule, he had also worked at the Michigan Sugar Factory in Sebewaing.

In 1941, Norm married Alice Gerth. After 53 years of marriage, she preceded him in death in 1993. He then married Hilda (Luckhard) Simmet.

Surviving along with Hilda, his loving wife of more than seventeen years, are his brother and business partner on the farm, Karl Ewald of Unionville; his sister-in-law, Helen Ewald; his son, William Ewald of Fairgrove; and his daughter, Susan Shiller and husband, Val, of Oak Park, Calif.

Norm had three grandchildren, Billie Jo Crow and husband Rich, Clint Ewald and Morgan Shiller; four great-grandchildren, Josh Stogner, Brooke Crow, Lydia Greenia and Faith Shiller.

Through Norm and Hiida's marriage he also had three step-children, Jim Simmet and wife Shirley, Sandra Reinhold and Sylvia Honey and husband, Gene; six step-grandchildren, (one preceded in death) and fourteen step-great-grandchildren.

Also preceding in death were two brothers, Urban and Bernhard; two sisters-in-law, Velma and Florence Ewald; and sister Lola Harmon and husband, John.

The funeral service will take place at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 4, at St. Paul Lutheran Church, with The Rev. Michael S. Allen officiating. Interment will be in Silverlawn Cemetery in Sebewaing.

The family has suggested memorials to Lutheran Hour Ministries or to the Gideons.