

Jantz Jr., Theophil A.

Theophil A. Jantz Jr., 69, of Gladwin and formerly of Owendale, died Saturday, September 24, 2005, at HealthSource of Saginaw following a four-month illness, with his loving family at his side. He was born May 21, 1936 at Grant Hospital in Chicago. He moved with his family to Owendale when he was 5 years old. Following high school graduation, Ted joined the U.S. Army. He received an honorable discharge in 1956 following the death of his father. On June 18, 1960, he was united in marriage to Geraldine Amanda Hoppe at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Sebewaing. Ted had been a farmer in the Owendale-Gagetown area and worked for Michigan Sugar Company in Sebewaing for about 40 years. He retired in 1996. Following retirement, he and his loving wife moved to Gladwin. They spent their winter months in Bowling Green, Florida. He was a member of Our Savior Lutheran Church in Gladwin and a former member of the Owendale Lions Club. He also enjoyed traveling, spending time with his children and grandchildren and helping others as needed. Surviving are his wife of 45 years, Geraldine; one son, Theophil A. Jantz III, D.O., of Mendocino, California; one daughter, Tammy Lee (Paul) Childs, of Middlebury, Indiana; his precious grandsons, Cameron Paul, Nathan Andrew and Ryan Patrick Childs; three sisters and their husbands, Margaret (Dennis) Jarvis, of Saginaw, Agnes (John) Meininger, of Gladwin, Ruth (Stan) Bentley, of North Branch; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by an infant brother, Theophil A. Jantz and one great-nephew, Nicholas Dwayne Berg. Funeral services will take place at 2 p.m. on Thursday, September 29, 2005, at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 331 Clendening Road in Gladwin with the Rev. Bill Winter officiating. Another service will be conducted at 2 p.m. on Friday, September 30, 2005, at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 800 E. Bay Street in Sebewaing with the Rev. Tim Verity officiating with burial in Grant Township Cemetery in Gagetown. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. preceding both church services. Arrangements are being made by Dinkel-Juengel Funeral Home in Sebewaing. Memorials may be made to Our Savior Lutheran Church Building Fund, Lutheran Seminaries of Fort Wayne, or St. Louis Missouri for training future pastors. The Jantz family would like to thank the medical staff at St. Mary's Hospital, Covenant Hospital, Select Specialities, and HealthSource for the compassionate care given to Ted during his four-month stay.