

Swartzendruber, Glenn

Glenn Swartzendruber, 90, of Pigeon, passed away Wednesday, May 2, 2007, under hospice care at Courtney Manor in Bad Axe. He was born in Iowa County, Iowa on September 8, 1916, the son of the late George and Noami (Swartzendruber) Swartzendruber. On December 18, 1938, he was united in marriage to Erma Laura Yoder at the West Union Mennonite Church in Parnell, Iowa and the couple moved to Pigeon. Mr. Swartzendruber was a farmer, dairyman, beekeeper, clock repairman, avid fisherman and meticulous gardener. He enjoyed watching purple martins in his yard. He was a member of the Pigeon River Mennonite Church, Pigeon. He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Erma; two sons, Lowell "Pete" (Cathern) Swartzendruber, of Sebawaing, and Clarence Swartzendruber, of Pigeon; six grandchildren, Jenny (Gary) Cygan, Jonathan Eric Swartzendruber, Laura Ewald, Lisa (Don) Kosinski, Jeff Swartzendruber, and Shannon (Morgan) Swartzendruber; 10 great grandchildren, Sarah, Danielle, Lucas, Justine, Kayla, Dakota, Jordan, Seth, Nathan and Landon; a sister, Velma (Ira) Esch, of Mio; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Edwin and Lawrence Swartzendruber; and two sisters, Katie Albrecht and Edna Gascho. A funeral service will be conducted at 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 5, 2007, at Pigeon River Mennonite Church with the Rev. Luke Yoder officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery. Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. today and from 10 a.m. until the time of the service at 1 p.m. on Saturday at the church. Memorials for Mr. Swartzendruber may be made to the Gideons, Pigeon River Mennonite Church, or Heartland Hospice. Meyersieck-Bussema Funeral Home, Pigeon, is conducting the arrangements.