

CHARLES J. FINKBEINER

1906 - 1995

Charles J. Finkbeiner, 89, longtime Sebawaing businessman and sports figure, died Tuesday, Nov. 7, at Scheurer Hospital, Pigeon, following a six-month illness.

He was born April 12, 1906, in Fairhaven Township, the son of Frederick and Lavinia (Schweitzer) Finkbeiner. He was united in marriage with Frieda M. Roemer on Feb. 16, 1935, in Kilmanagh. He was manager of Agri-Sales Elevator in Sebawaing for 49 years before retiring June 30, 1978. He was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Sebawaing.

Mr. Finkbeiner and several brothers had a high reputation as baseball players in various leagues and on several area teams. His best-known baseball position was as an infielder, especially at shortstop and second base. Later he managed several baseball teams in the Sebawaing area.

Surviving besides his wife Frieda are one daughter, Nina Finkbeiner of Warren, one son and daughter-in-law, Ronald and Marge Finkbeiner of Sebawaing, one grandson, four great-grandchildren, one brother, Lloyd Finkbeiner of Sebawaing, and several nieces and nephews.

Five sisters, Nel Schenk, Ethel McKee, Beatrice Ambruster, Beulah Motz and Dorothy Lamiranda, and three brothers, Gordon, Earl and Walter Finkbeiner, preceded him in death.

The funeral service took place in Immanuel Church at 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 10, with Rev. Martin Hegenow officiating. Burial was in Silverton Cemetery, Sebawaing. Dinkel-Juengel Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Friends wishing to offer memorials are invited to consider the American Kidney Association.