

Damm, Frederick W.

Frederick W. "Fritz" Damm, 77, of Bay Port, passed away Saturday, March 26, 2005, at St. Mary's Medical Center Hospital in Saginaw. Born in Winsor Township to the late Walter M. and Anna (Elftman) Damm, he was a 1946 Pigeon High School graduate. On July 8, 1950, he was united in marriage to Ruth E. Kretzschmer at the Salem Evangelical United Brethren Church in Pigeon. She survives him. Mr. Damm farmed throughout his lifetime. He enjoyed raising trees, flying, traveling with his motor home, and family camping. He also raised walnuts, which he shared with his family and friends. In addition, he custom-made many woodcraft items. He was a former Farm Bureau member, and from 1975 to 1990, he was a director on the Cooperative Elevator Board. Mr. Damm was an active and faithful member of the First United Methodist Church in Pigeon, where he served in many areas, currently serving on the Board of Trustees. In addition to his wife, Ruth, he is survived by four children, Susan Herford and her husband, Arlin, Marcia Wolfe and her husband, David, all of Elkton, Linda Bruce and her husband, Bill, of Unionville, and David Damm and his wife, Carrie, of Bay Port; eight grandchildren: Ryan and his wife, Angela, Scott, Kurt, Chancey, Brandon, Keith, Bradley, and Kaycee; a great-grandson, Connor; two sisters, Lorraine Otto and her husband, Lester, of Pigeon, and Karen Story and her husband, Robert, of Bay City; a brother, Roger Damm and his wife, Saundra, of Gregory; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by an infant son, William Frederick, in 1952. The funeral service will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Thursday, March 31, 2005, at the First United Methodist Church in Pigeon, with the Rev. Margaret Passenger, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Grand Lawn Cemetery. Visitation will be from 6 to 9 p.m. today and from 1 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday at Meyersieck-Bussema Funeral Home, Pigeon, and from 10 a.m. until the time of service on Thursday at the church. Memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church, Scheurer Hospital, or Pigeon District Library.