

**Buschlen, Duane W.**

Duane W. Buschlen, 75, of Pigeon, passed away unexpectedly Saturday, March 7, 2009 at home.

Born in Pigeon on June 24, 1933, he was the son of the late William W. and Edna C. (Gregor) Buschlen.

Duane graduated from Pigeon High School in 1951, where he played football, and was named all-conference halfback beginning in his sophomore year. He began farming out of high school and enjoyed working the ground. He was a Fox TV sports fan, watching the Pistons as well as local high school sports teams. Duane played blooper ball in the area for many years, and also loved to play euchre in area tournaments. He enjoyed hunting up north as well as in the area, and driving around and visiting with friends. He especially enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren.

Duane was a member of Cross Lutheran Church in Pigeon.

He is survived by five children, Robin (Ann) Buschlen of Pigeon, Kyle Buschlen of Albion, Eric (Amy McGinnis) Buschlen of Midland, Paul (Sherry) Buschlen of Anthem, Arizona, and Paula (Tress) Schuyler of Peoria, Arizona; 10 grandchildren, Amanda and Jenna Buschlen, Shane Buschlen, Emma, Zachary and Peyton Buschlen, Trenton and Ethan Gerish, and Faith and Aden Schuyler; three sisters, Maxine Stirrett of Pigeon, Grace Reibling of Elkton, and Shirley (William) Zinnecker of Cass City; one brother, Calvin (Ann) Buschlen of Elkton; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, LeRoy, Clifford, and Glenn.

Cremation has taken place. The memorial service will be conducted at 11 a.m. Thursday, March 12, 2009 at Cross Lutheran Church in Pigeon, with the Rev. Timothy Loehrke, pastor, officiating. Visitation will begin at 9 a.m. Thursday at the church. Interment will take place in the church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Cross Lutheran Church or Scheurer Hospital. Meyersieck-Bussema Funeral Home, Pigeon, is conducting the arrangements.