

# **RICHARD E. HAAG**

## **1936 - 1996**

Richard E. Haag, 60, longtime Sebawaing area insurance representative, died Sunday afternoon, Nov. 17, in Bay Medical Center, Bay City, following a stroke he suffered just two days after his election to a second term as Huron County commissioner for District 1.

He had retired from a 30-year career as representative for Aid Association for Lutherans in 1993 and was elected the following year to represent Sebawaing, Fair Haven and Brookfield Townships on the Huron Board of Commissioners. He ran unopposed for a second term and was re-elected Nov. 5.

Mr. Haag was born in Kilmanagh on April 21, 1936, son of the late Edward A. and Goldie V. (Kohf) Haag.

He was married to Maryann Kotenko on Dec. 15, 1956, in St. John Lutheran Church, Kilmanagh.

Mr. Haag joined AAL after being recommended by his pastor, Rev. Adolf Bickel. In his 30-year career he was honored 24 times for "outstanding sales and service" to members. He received the National Association of Life Underwriters' national quality award 26 times and its national sales achievement award 25 times. In addition, he also received 29 incentive prizes for himself and Mrs. Haag, which included trips to such widespread places as Banff, Puerto Rico, New York City, Arizona, Lake Tahoe, Florida and more.

He took pride in his organization's benevolent program, which meant raising funds for lift vans for disabled adults, kidney transplants, losses from home fires and breadwinners' injuries and deaths, and a \$25,000 fund for the Sebawaing Clinic project which helped bring a doctor to Sebawaing.

Mr. Haag was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Sebawaing, where he had served as chairman of the congregation and on the board of trustees. He was also involved in the church's radio program and was on the current building committee. He was also in Sebawaing Historical Society.

Surviving are his wife, Maryann Haag of Sebawaing, two daughters and one son and their spouses, Debra and Mark Krauss, Janal and William Warack, all of Sebawaing, and David and Jill Haag of Essexville, four grandchildren, Kayla and Kristin Warack, Lauren Krauss and Ryan Haag, four brothers and spouses, Robert and Shirley Haag of St. Louis, MO, Wayne and Noella of Mozambique, Africa, Loren and Phyllis Haag of Denville, NJ, Lloyd and Dee Haag of Sebawaing and several nieces and nephews.

The funeral service will take place in Immanuel Church, Sebawaing at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 20, with Rev. Martin Hagenow officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Friends may call at Dinkel-Juengel Funeral Home, Sebawaing, from 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. Tuesday (today) and 9 a.m. - noon Wednesday. He will lie in state at the church from 12:30 p.m. Wednesday until time of service.

Those planning to offer memorials are invited to consider the Immanuel Building Fund or the donor's choice charity.

