

Ballagh, Morgan

Morgan A. Ballagh, 92, of Country Bay Village in Pigeon, and formerly of Kinde, died Sunday, May 6, 2001, at Huron County Medical Care Facility in Bad Axe after a brief illness. He was born Jan. 29, 1909, near Cass City to the late John and Maude (McIlmurray) Ballagh. On Dec. 25, 1936, Morgan A. Ballagh and Miss Lorene Armstrong were united in marriage. Morgan was a graduate of Bad Axe High School, attended Huron County Normal, received a B.S. at Central Michigan University College of Education, and his M.A. at the University of Michigan. Morgan taught school in Alpena and in Huron county, spending 13 years at Kinde public schools where he became High School Principal. Later he became Superintendent of Huron County Schools, retiring in 1973, with a total of 44 years in education. Morgan was a member of the Kinde First Presbyterian Church. He enjoyed many hobbies including gardening and working in the yard, history, reading and traveling as well as being an avid Detroit Tiger fan and spending time with family. Morgan was also a former member of the Lions Club and the Michigan Association of Retired Personnel. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Lorene (Armstrong) Ballagh; one daughter, Rosemary Hill and her husband, Jim, of Essexville; two grandchildren, Anne Hill and her special friend, Chad Sepas and his son Chad of Bay City and Scott Hill of Lansing; one sister, Eva Blaylock of Bad Axe; a sister-in-law, Mildred Ballagh of Three Rivers. Mr. Ballagh was preceded in death by his parents; an infant son, Leonard Dale Ballagh; three brothers, William, Ralph, and Russell Ballagh; three sisters, Marguerite Thompson, Gladys Wallis, and Edith Ballagh. Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, May 9, 2001, at the Kinde First Presbyterian Church. The Rev. Tom Beachy, pastor of the Pigeon River Mennonite Church, will officiate. Burial will be in the Colfax Township Cemetery. Visitation will be from 1 to 9 p.m. today at the Gage Chapel-MacAlpine Funeral Home in Kinde and from 10 a.m. until the time of the funeral service on Wednesday at the church. Memorials may be offered to the Kinde First Presbyterian Church or to donor's choice.