

BERNARD LEE THIEL

1939 - 1998

Bernie L. Thiel age 59, of Chandler Twp. drown Tuesday afternoon in the Pinnebog River while getting water for his garden. It appears he slipped and bumped his head on a rock below the surface of the river, rendering him unconscience face down in the water.

He was born January 21, 1939 in Chandler Twp. to Frances (Kleido) Thiel and the late John Thiel.

Bernie was a 1957 graduate of the Pigeon High School. After high school he was employed at Herb Gettel Farms, Pigeon until 1962 when he was inducted in to the Army. He returned to Pigeon in 1964 after two years service during the Vietnam War and started working at Pigeon Lumber where he was a yardman, until 1991. Currently he was farming the family farm in Chandler Twp.

He was a faithful member of St. Francis Borgia Catholic Church, Pigeon.

Surviving are his mother, Frances; his brother, Richard and his sister, Mary all of Chandler Twp.

A funeral mass for will be conducted 11:00 AM Friday at St. Francis Borgia Catholic Church, Pigeon. A parish scripture service will be conducted 7:00 PM Thursday.