

KARL V. "COACH" EMERSON

1909 - 1988

Karl V. Emerson, age 79, of Pigeon, passed away on Friday, Aug. 12 at his home after a lingering illness.

He was born Feb. 24, 1909 in Reading Center, NY, son of the late Charles and Anna (Slaybaugh) Emerson. On August 26, 1934 he was united in marriage to Wilma M. Drodts at Ida, MI. He graduated from Hillsdale College in 1931, taught and coached football, baseball, and basketball at Hanover High School from 1931-1934, Manchester High School from 1934-1938, Walled Lake High School from 1938-1944, and Pigeon and Laker High School from 1944-1972. He was inducted into the Coaches Hall of Fame in 1960, and was given the Thumb Sports Leader Award in 1985. He was an active member of Salem United Methodist Church, Pigeon.

Mr. Emerson is survived by his wife Wilma M., Pigeon; one son, Thomas F. Emerson, Houston, TX; one daughter, Joanne Rinnert, Owendale; 10 grandchildren; one great grandchild; two sisters, Mrs. Edith Martin, Penn Yan, NY, Mrs. Eugene (Margaret) Charland, Middlesex, NY; three brothers, Paul and Philip, Rochester, NY and Ward Emerson, Penn Yan, NY.

Three brothers, George, Sanford, and Arthur Emerson preceded him in death.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 15 from Salem United Methodist Church, Pigeon. Rev. Timothy S. Hastings, pastor, will officiate with burial in Grand Lawn Cemetery, Pigeon.

*Arrangements by
Shetler-Bussema Funeral Home
Pigeon, Michigan*