

## **Otto Andrew Wahl**

(October 10, 1919-February 21, 2011)

Otto Andrew Wahl, 91, of Bad Axe died Monday February 21, 2011 at Courtney Manor.

Otto was born October 10, 1919 in Bad Axe, son of the late Albert and Anna (Balint) Wahl, on his family's farm.

He spent part of his childhood on Hamtramck, MI, and then returned to Bad Axe where he finished school and farmed with his father. During WWII Otto was employed at the Lynch Road Plant as a crane operator.

He once again returned from Detroit to take over the family farming business. Otto saw the course of farming in Huron County evolve from horses to Farmalls. He finished up his working years as an employee of the Federal Crop Insurance organization. For over 20 years he served the farming communities of Michigan, Ohio, Illinois, and Iowa.



Otto married Carol Marie Rose in 1951 and has resided in Bad Axe ever since. Raising his family on their centennial farm, Otto's talent as a handy man & welder were never put to waste. His passion for gardening and animals remained constant throughout his life. His joy of meeting with his friends and neighbors for coffee and conversation was seldom interrupted. His interest in alternative energy was clearly ahead of his time. His world travels took him to France, England and Canada. He visited nearly all of the fifty states including traveling route 66 to California as a young man with a friend. He enjoyed many adventures visiting his children which included seeing the giant red woods of California and perusing the wild life in Alaska.

Otto was a supporter of the local 4H programs for several years. He was on the Big Burning School board for 35 years serving alternately as secretary and treasurer.

Otto was survived by his wife Carol Marie, children Carol J Wahl and her friend Fred Elvin of Rochester, MI; Andrew O Wahl and his wife Cara (Lavigne) of Bay Point, CA; Julie K Wahl of Anchorage, AK; Steven R. Wahl and his wife Debra (Szymanski) of Bad Axe; grandchildren; Erin Bisco of Clinton, MI; Eric Bisco and his wife Emily of Adrian, MI; Ian Stone of Anchorage, AK; Alesha Szymanski and Fiancé Aaron Schramski of Fillion, MI; Emily Wahl of Bad Axe, MI

He was preceded in death by one daughter Ann M Wahl and one sister Donna Glasgow.

Funeral Services will be held Saturday February 26, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. at the MacAlpine Funeral Home, Mac Chapel Bad Axe. Pastor Jerry Sutton will officiate.

Visitation will be on Friday from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. and on Saturday from 1:00 p.m. until the time of services at 2:00 p.m.

Donations may be made to Thumb Industries of Bad Axe, Big Burning School of Bad Axe, or The Heart Association.