Turnbull, Rev. Howard

The Rev. Howard L. Turnbull, 77, retired pastor of the First Missionary Church in Bad Axe, passed away on Saturday, Feb. 12, 2000, at the Palms of Pasadena Hospital in St. Petersburg, Fla., following an extended illness. He was born on Oct. 30, 1922, in Deckerville son of the late William and Fern (Fritch) Turnbull. He married Valeria Laming on Nov. 6, 1943, in Deckerville. She preceded him in death on July 6, 1992. Rev. Turnbull retired as the pastor of the First Missionary Church in Bad Axe in 1992. He had previously farmed and was a farm implement dealer in the Deckerville area. He also had served as the Sanilac County Friend of the Court. He was a member of the Gideons International. He is survived by one son, Randy H. Turnbull of Royal Palm Beach, Fla.; one daughter, Yvonne Darlington and her husband, Donald, of Madeira Beach, Fla.; two granddaughters, Heather and Erin Darlington, of Atlanta, Ga.; and a brother, Maurice Turnbull and his wife, Lois, of Deckerville. Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 17, 2000, at the First Missionary Church in Bad Axe. Officiating will be the Rev. Larry Salsburey, pastor of the Elkton Missionary Church, the Rev. Anthony Ferriell, pastor of the First Missionary Church of Bad Axe, the Rev. James Keller, district superintendent of the Missionary Church, and Alex Prill, Gideon representative. Burial will be in Downing Cemetery in Deckerville. Visitation will be 6 to 9 p.m. tonight and from 1 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at Kaufman Funeral Home in Bad Axe and from 10 a.m. until the time of services at 11 a.m. Thursday at the church. Memorials may be given to the Gideons International, the First Missionary Church, Bluewater Youth for Christ or the Forgotten Man Ministries.