

DR. ROBERT C. SPENCE

1908 - 1996

Robert Carlyle Spence, O.D., 87 of Pigeon, passed away Tuesday, Jan. 23 at his home.

He was born in Pigeon on June 30, 1908, the son of the late James and Margaret (Crawford) Spence. On March 30, 1938, he was united in marriage to Gladys L. Niebel in Ohio. She survives him.

Dr. Spence was a graduate of the Illinois College of Optometry. He was a life member of the Michigan as well as the American Optometric Association. He began his optometry practice in Pigeon in 1932, and from 1933-72, he was also co-proprietor of the Pigeon Telephone Company, which his family had owned since 1921.

He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Pigeon. He was a former member of Scenic Golf and Country Club, Pigeon Rotary Club and Pigeon Village Council. He was past chairman and clerk of the Huron County Republican Party. He was a member of the Scheurer Hospital Humanitarian Club, and was a life member of the Hubbard Windsor Lodge #420, Free & Accepted Masons.



For 17 years, Dr. and Mrs. Spence wintered in Mesa, Ariz.

Surviving him are his wife Gladys; a daughter, Deann (Duane) Walters, Texas City; a son, Robert J. Spence, Texas City; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Crawford.

Funeral services were conducted on Friday, Jan. 26 from First United Methodist Church in Pigeon, with Rev. Willard King, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Grand Lawn Cemetery, Pigeon.

Memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church, Scheurer Hospital or Friends for Life Hospice.

Meyersieck-Bussema Funeral Home in Pigeon handled arrangements.