

WILFRED L. MIELKE

1921 - 1995

Wilfred L. Mielke, 74 of Standish, passed away Sunday, Aug. 20 at the home of his daughter, Paula Pobanz in Sebewiang following a one-year illness.

He was born March 4, 1921 in Detroit, son of the late William and Alvina Mielke. He married Lillian Stickfort, who preceded him in death. He then married Virginia Fuller on April 1, 1968 in Standish. She survives him.

Mielke had been a carpenter and later was employed at the William Chemical Company in Saginaw for several years before retiring in 1954. He had served in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II. A member of the Bethlehem Church in Standish, he was also a member of the VFW Post #03724 in Standish.

Surviving besides his wife, Virginia of Standish are one son, three daughters and their spouses: William H. (Judith) Mielke and Paula (James) Pobanz, all of Sebewiang; Judith (Ronald) Linzner of Livonia; Winifred (Joseph) Watz of Oklahoma City, OK; four stepsons, Dennis Fritz of Sebewiang, Ronald Fritz of Munger, Mark Fritz of Caro and David Fuller of Grand Rapids; one step-daughter, Denise (Harry) Arquette of Standish; 10 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; 13 step-grandchildren; one step-great-grandchild; two brothers, Robert (Betty) Mielke of Cedarville, Ronald (Jana) Mielke of Lansing and several nieces and nephews.

One sister, Pearl Clark, preceded him in death.

The funeral service will take place on Wednesday, Aug. 23 at 1 p.m. at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Lewiston; Rev. Glenn Sattemeier will officiate with burial in the Alberta Twp. Cemetery near Lewiston.

Friends may call at the Dinkel-Juengel Funeral Home in Sebewiang from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Tuesday. A service will be held at the funeral home on Tuesday at 8 p.m. by the Rev. Charles Sanders. He will also lie in state at the church in Lewiston from 9:30 a.m. Wednesday until the time of service.