

**Seitz, Rev. Martin G.**

The Rev. Martin G. Seitz, 86, passed away on Sunday, Feb. 17, 2008 at Agape Care in Caro, following a period of declining health.

He was born on April 10, 1921 in Blumfield Township of Saginaw County, the son of the late Guy L. and Miriam (Andrus) Seitz.

He graduated from Reese High School in 1938 and farmed until the age of 26. He was a graduate of Asbury College, Westminster Theological Seminary, and held a masters of divinity degree from Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, D.C. He served United Methodist Churches in Kentucky, Virginia and Michigan for 51 years. Following retirement he served as Pastor Emeritus in the Reese United Methodist Church.

On June 3, 1955 he married Janet Oneida Crabill of Strasburg, Va.

Surviving him in addition to his wife of 52 years are their four children and spouses: Dr. Martin L. Seitz (Judy) of Wilmore, Ky.; Ridge Seitz (Nancy) of Reese, Melanie Leippandt (Joel) of Ubyly, and the Rev. William R. Seitz (Kristen) of Davisburg; 14 grandchildren, Joel, Tyler, Alicia, Marshall and Dajnae Leippandt, Jennifer Reynolds (Joshua), Matthew Seitz, Jordan and Danielle Seitz, Joshua Coates, Julia, Lucy, Nathan and Theo Seitz.

Martin was preceded in death by his brother Robert Seitz; his first wife, Bethel Jacobs; their infant daughter, Mary E.; and his sister, Margaret Hartman.

Funeral services will take place at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 21, 2008 from the Reese United Methodist Church. His son, the Rev. William R. Seitz and the Rev. Dr. Harold J. Slater will both officiate with burial to follow in the Blumfield Township Cemetery.

The Rev. Seitz's family will receive friends at the Ware-Smith-Woolever Funeral Home, 9940 Saginaw St. in Reese on Wednesday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. and at the church on Thursday from 10 a.m. until time of services.

Those planning an expression of sympathy are asked to consider the Reese United Methodist Church or any church where the Rev. Seitz had served. If you are unable to visit with the family in person you may you may send your condolences through [www.waresmithwoolever.com](http://www.waresmithwoolever.com).