

**Fritz, Arlington E.**

Arlington Eugene "Doots" Fritz, 82, of Owendale, passed away at home unexpectedly on Saturday, June 7, 2008.

He was born in Owendale on Oct. 26, 1925, and was the son of the late Walter and Margaret (Tabar) Fritz. He graduated from the Winsor Rural School.

On May 30, 1947 he was united in marriage to Arlene Esther Schuette at Cross Lutheran Church in Pigeon. She preceded him in death on Aug. 16, 1976.

Mr. Fritz was a farmer throughout his lifetime, and loved to work on the farm. He also enjoyed owning Oliver tractors, and still had the very first tractor he ever owned. He enjoyed attending the parades in the area, visiting friends and family in the hospital, and attending family parties. He was always ready to get out and go visiting.

He was a member of Cross Lutheran Church in Pigeon.

His survivors include five children, Roger Fritz of Owendale, Thomas (Elizabeth) Fritz of Gagetown, Barbara (James) Hornbacher of Sebewaing, Mark (Krisie) Fritz of Pigeon, and Michael (Kim) Fritz of Bay Port; 11 grandchildren, Tamara Fritz, Tiffany (Jeff) Swartzendruber, Jodie Fritz, Brent (Patti) Fritz, Ryan Fritz, Brandon Fritz, Emalee Fritz, Kelsey Fritz, Adam Fritz, Miranda Fritz, and Brian Hornbacher; a step grandchild, Annisa (Jason) Kuhl; a great-granddaughter, Rachel Fritz; and a step-great-grandson, Dawson Kuhl.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Lester Fritz; and sister-in-law, Donna (Hahn) Fritz.

Funeral service will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, June 11, 2008 at Cross Lutheran Church, Pigeon, with the Rev. Tim Loehrke, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Grandlawn Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 2 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday at Meyersieck-Bussema Funeral Home, Pigeon and from 10 a.m. until the service time at 11 a.m. on Wednesday at the church.

Memorials may be made to the Cross Lutheran Church Building Fund.