

# NEILAN M. HOFFMAN

1917 - 1988

Neilan M. Hoffman, age 71, of Pigeon, formerly of Elkton, passed away Thursday, Jan. 28 at Scheurer Hospital, Pigeon.

He was born Jan. 16, 1917 in Elkton, son of the late Edwin and Margaret (McIntyre) Hoffman. He was united in marriage to Lela B. Melpass on Nov. 19, 1939 in Elkton. She preceded him in death on July 12, 1986. On May 9, 1987, he was united in marriage to Florence Kerr, Pigeon.

After serving with the United States Navy in World War II, he returned to Elkton and started Hoffman Plumbing and Heating until 1967. Then he went with the postal service in Elkton for five years. In 1972 he transferred to the Merrill Post Office and retired in 1979. He was past president of the Elkton Rotary Club, charter member of Carpenter-Dorsch VFW Post #6013, charter member of the Community Wesleyan Church, Elkton, past member of the Elkton Fire Department, former Oliver Twp. Assessor, was on the Elkton Village Council for many years, served as mayor pro-tem of Elkton and attended the First United Methodist Church, Pigeon.

Surviving are his wife, Florence; three daughters, Mrs. Charles (Sharon) Cole, Pigeon, Mrs. Linda Kleinschmidt, Grand Rapids and Carol Hoffman, Lapeer; three stepdaughters, Mrs. Dale (Neila) Collison, Pigeon, Mrs. William (Anita) Behm, Lapeer and Mrs. Robert (Mary Lou) Thiel, Pigeon; four grandchildren; six stepchildren; his brother, Olin Hoffman, West Bloomfield.

Funeral services were conducted at 1 p.m. on Saturday at Champagne Funeral Chapel, Elkton. Pastor Gordon Nusz, pastor of First United Methodist Church, Pigeon, officiated with burial in Colfax Twp. Cemetery.