

Otto, Donald L.

Donald Loren Otto, 78, of Pigeon, passed away on Sunday, February 19, 2006, at the Huron Medical Care Facility in Bad Axe. He was born in Pigeon on March 10, 1927, son of the late John and Lora (Gremel) Otto. He served with the U. S. Army in Germany during World War II. On June 12, 1948, he was united in marriage to Jessie Elizabeth Beadle at St. Felix Catholic Church in Pinnebog. She survives him. Don was employed by the Village of Pigeon from 1950 to 1987. In 1970, he became Superintendent of Public Works, where he served until his retirement. He took part in the development and beautification of Pigeon and was honored as the 1997 Grand Marshall of the Farmers Festival parade. On July 25, 2003, during the Pigeon Centennial, he won the "Best Beard" contest. He was a member of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Berne. In addition to his wife, Jessie, to whom he had been married for more than 57 years, he is survived by two daughters and sons-in-law, Gahl and David Mitin, of Bay City, and Beth and Paul Schnitker, of Sebawaing; three grandchildren, Michael Mitin, Tamara & Michael Hartman, and Christina Schnitker; two brothers, Clarence (Florence) Otto, of Pigeon, and Dale (Rita) Otto, of Bad Axe; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a brother, Merle; and a sister, Arlene Mohr. A funeral service will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, February 22, 2006, at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, with the Rev. James A. Gorsegner, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Grand Lawn Cemetery in Pigeon. Visitation will be from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. today, from 1 to 5 and 6 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday at Meyersieck-Bussema Funeral Home in Pigeon, and from 10 a.m. until the time of the service on Wednesday at the church. A veteran's service will be held at 4 p.m. on Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church or to the charity of the donor's choice.