

## **Gebauer, Wesley**

Wesley C. "Bets" Gebauer, 96, long time Elkton area plumber died Friday morning, May 25, 2001, at Blogett Medical Center in Grand Rapids. He was born Nov. 11, 1904, in Oliver Township to the late Charles and Mary (Voelker) Gebauer. On Dec. 11, 1931, he was united in marriage to Beatrice E. Madison at the Elkton Methodist parsonage. She preceded him in death Nov. 24, 1991. Bets, as he was known to everyone in Elkton, retired from his business, Gebauer Plumbing and Heating in 1983. In his early years, he worked for General Telephone, had a grain and thrashing business and farmed. He was a member of the Elkton United Methodist Church and had been active in his community in the past. In 1998, he was the Grand Marshall of the Elkton Autumn Fest Parade. Surviving are his daughter, Barbara Pierce and her husband, Charlie, of Belding; son, Fred Gebauer and his wife, Teresa, of Grand Rapids; five grandchildren, Gregory Timmer and his wife Sherry, Robin Rogers and her husband, Steve, Becky Manos and her husband, Chris, Lisa Brown and her husband, Dave, and Amy Neis and her husband, Bill; and eight great-grandchildren. Preceding him in death were two brothers, Karl and William; and two sisters, Ester Demo and Melvina Kramer. Funeral services will be conducted 11 a.m. today at the Elkton United Methodist Church. The Rev. Pete Crawford, pastor will officiate with burial in Riverside Cemetery in Elkton. Visitation will be after 10 a.m. today at the church. Memorials may be directed to the Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel (MARSPP) or the church.