

Orvin S. Yordy

1908 - 1996

Orvin S. Yordy, age 88 of Pigeon, passed away Wednesday, October 30 at the Scenic Nursing Home in Pigeon, following a long illness.

He was born on September 19, 1908 in Millford, Nebraska, son of the late David and Sarah (Stauffer) Yordy. On June 18, 1938 he was united in marriage to Esther M. Yackle in Pigeon. She survives him.

Mr. Yordy was a 1926 graduate of Ithaca High School and attended County Normal for a year before beginning his teaching career. He received his Bachelor of Science degree from Central Michigan University, and his Master's degree from the University of Michigan.

In 1936 he came to the Pigeon area as a teacher for algebra, geometry, chemistry and physics. Throughout his career at Pigeon High School and the Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port School District, he served in various capacities for 35 years, both as teacher and High School Principal until consolidation. In 1966 he was named Principal of Laker Junior High School and in 1974, retired from that position. Mr. Yordy had taught school for a total of 45 years.

He was a faithful Christian man and a member of Salem United Methodist Church, Pigeon, where he served as Sunday School teacher, and on the church board. He was also actively involved with Bay Shore Evangelical Camp in Sebawaing, where he was a former member of the board. Mr. Yordy was a member of the Farm Bureau as well.

He is survived by his wife of more than 58 years, Esther M.; two daughters, Arlyn and her husband Fredrick DeBoer of Clare, and Deborah Yordy, Wheaton, Illinois; three grandchildren, Sarah Jo, Rebekah, and Paul; a brother, Charles Yordy, St. Johns; a sister, Ada Litwiller, Iowa; a foster sister, Grace Brauher, Middleton; several nieces and nephews; and two sisters-in-law. He was preceded in death by an infant son, Arden John, and two brothers, John and Emerson.

Funeral Services will be conducted at 12:00 noon on Saturday, November 2 from Salem United Methodist Church, Pigeon. Rev. Calvin A. Long, pastor, will officiate. Burial will be in Grand Lawn Cemetery, Winsor Township.

Memorial gifts may be given to Bay Shore Evangelical Camp, Sebawaing, Salem United Methodist Church, or the charity of the donor's choice.