

Butler, Frank

Frank Butler, 80, of Cass City died Friday, April 26, 2002, in his home after a long illness. He was born May 25, 1921, to Elmer and Ida (Beach) Butler on the same farm that he lived his whole life. He married Adeline Holzwart on Nov. 14, 1942 in her parent's home in Unionville. Frank's farm was his life, and he cared for it with the same zeal that he applied to his family and his church. His farming career spanned from horse drawn equipment to his favorite Oliver tractors. Frank loved the land and its wildlife, he greatly enjoyed hunting and sporting events and yet never failed to turn aside for a Killdeer's nest while working a field. Frank had the only Brown Swiss dairy cattle in the area. As a member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church he served as congregational president, head elder, and was the last living member of the church building committee. His strong work ethic and sense of humor will be greatly missed. Frank is survived by his wife, Adeline; daughters, Bonnie Zeidler and her husband, Bill, of Cass City, Linda Voss and her husband, Ron, of Deford, Mollie Hartel and her husband, Scott, of Caro, Mari Lowe and her husband, Ken, of Cass City, and Paula Butler of Ypsilanti; grandchildren, Ron Voss and his wife, Sue, Bill Zeidler Jr., Beth Rienstra and her husband, Dennis, Rachel Perkins and her husband, Chad, Brandon Hartel, and Kari, Kevin, and Kyle Lowe; six great-grandchildren; sisters, Mac Dodds and her husband, Lyle, Alice McComb and her husband, Carl, Elizabeth Guisbert and her husband, Dane, and Edith Rae and her husband, Robert; also many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Kaye Frances, in 1987; and brothers Kenneth, Gerald and Paul. Funeral services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Monday, April 29, 2002 at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church with The Rev. Gerald Meyer officiating. Burial is in Elkland Township Cemetery. Visitation will be from 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. today at the Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, and from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Monday in church. Memorials may be made to Frank Butler Memorial Garden at the Octagon Barn, United Hospice of Marlette, or Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.