

Vaughn Irwin "Bud" Sparling

Vaughn Irwin "Bud" Sparling, 92, of Davie, Fla., formerly of Bad Axe and Vassar, went to be with his Lord Sunday, May 27, 2012, at the home of his daughter.

He was born Jan. 22, 1920, to the late Roy and Nellie (Styles) Sparling in Bad Axe. Bud and Dorothy McIlhargie were married Aug. 3, 1946, in Bad Axe.

He attended Big Burning School and graduated from Bad Axe High School in 1938. He worked on the family farm and also at Goebel Automotive for 16 years before moving to Vassar in 1963 to work at Super Foods as a mechanic until he retired in 1982. He was a member of the First Baptist Church.

Bud and Dorothy spent their retirement years in Vassar and Avon Park, Fla. They loved to travel with family and friends in their "Winni." Bud loved working in his garden and produced beautiful vegetables.

He is survived by a daughter, Barbara (John) Dobulis of Davie, Fla.; sisters, Wanda (Carl) Binder of Bad Axe and Doris (Harold) Cummings of Gagetown; five grandchildren, Michael (Julie) Dobulis of Florida, Stephanie (Jeff) Engelman of Nebraska, Katie (Joe) Still of Ohio, David (Beba) Doublis of Australia and John (Kara) Lashuay of New York; 18 wonderful great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Bud was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy; their daughter, Sandra Lee; two brothers, Doyle and Verl; and a sister, Marylin.

A memorial service will be conducted 1 p.m. Sunday, July 1, 2012, at the First Baptist Church of Bad Axe.