

Kipfer, Clarence J.

Clarence John Kipfer, 94, of Bay Port, passed away early Friday, August 5, 2005, at Courtney Manor in Bad Axe. He was born in Bay Port on April 4, 1911, son of the late John and Rachel Leah (Oesch) Kipfer. On February 13, 1937, he was united in marriage to Clara V. Naffien in Linkville. She preceded him in death on August 23, 1984. Mr. Kipfer farmed throughout his lifetime. He enjoyed the out-of-doors, especially fishing and hunting, as well as growing apples. His survivors include three daughters, Shirley Blome, of Pigeon, Donna Bechler and her husband, Clare, of Pigeon, and Betty Gretch and her husband, John, of Owendale; nine grandchildren; 21 great grandchildren; six great-great-grandchildren; and a sister, Iva McAlpine, of Elkton. He was preceded in death by a son, Donald; and three sisters, Laura Maust, Flossie Steckley and Katie Shetler. Visitation will be from 2 p.m. until 9 p.m. today at the Meyersieck-Bussema Funeral Home of Pigeon and from 10 a.m. until the service time on Monday at the Salem United Methodist Church in Pigeon. Memorials for Clarence Kipfer may be made to the American Cancer Society, the Gideons, or the donor's choice.