

**Goetze, Oliver E.**

Oliver Eugene Goetze, 88, of Minden City died Tuesday, June 21, 2005, at Covenant Harrison Hospital in Saginaw. He was born on January 26, 1917 in Minden City, son of the late Arthur Robert and Bertha M. (Graichen) Goetze. He married Mary Coaster on November 23, 1946 at St. John's rectory in Ubly. She preceded him in death on June 25, 1996. He was a life-long farmer and carpenter. He was an active member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Forestville. He helped build the Trinity Lutheran Church in 1964. He was an assistant Delaware Township treasurer for 31 years. He enjoyed bowling and traveling all over Michigan to play softball. He enjoyed the great outdoors with hunting and fishing. He is survived by three sons, Eugene Goetze and his wife, Caroline, of Minden City, Donald Goetze, of Port Hope, and Ronald Goetze and his wife, Kristin, of White Lake; two daughters, Karen Goetze and her partner, Tina Hendricks, of Taylor, Marie Quinn and her husband, James, of Aztec, New Mexico; 13 grandchildren; 5 great-grandchildren; daughter-in-law, Laura Badger, of Harbor Beach; step-brother, Wallace Steele, of Sterling Heights; and two sisters-in-law, Rita Coaster, of Reed City, and Evelyn Coaster, of Ubly. Mr. Goetze was preceded in death by two brothers, Lawrence and Arnold Goetze; and a sister, Margaret Osborne. Funeral services for Mr. Goetze will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Saturday, June 25, 2005, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Forestville. The Rev. Richard Wilson, pastor, will officiate. Burial will be in East Delaware Cemetery of Forestville. Visitation will be from 2 to 9 p.m. on Friday at the Smigielski Funeral Home on Cass Avenue in Minden City and from 10 a.m. until the time of the service at 11 a.m. on Saturday at the church. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in memory of Mr. Goetze to the Trinity Lutheran Church.