

WILLIAM DANIEL KRAATZ

1893 - 1986

William D. Kraatz, age 93, of Gravette, Ark., died Tuesday, November 4 in Arkansas.

He was born April 8, 1893 in Merrill, son of the late Fredrick and Pauline (Somofsky) Kraatz. In 1918, he was united in marriage to Pearl Honderick. She preceded him in death in 1966. He later married Josephine Hathaway and she preceded him in death in 1978.

Mr. Kaatz moved to Arkansas from the Elkton area in 1953. He was a member of the Sulphur Springs Methodist Church, a Foresthills-Wells American Legion Post and was a WWI Army Veteran.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. David (Vanetta) Stucky of San Gabriel, CA, Mrs. Gilbert (Genevieve) Herman of Farmington Hills, and Mrs. James (Evelyn) Matteson of Elkton; nine grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and a sister, Mrs. Bertha Reis of Frankenmuth.

One granddaughter, one great-grandson, three brothers and four sisters preceded him in death.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m. Monday, November 10 from the Elkton Chapel of the Champagne Funeral Chapels. Rev. James Kummer, pastor, officiated with burial in the Grand Lawn Cemetery, Pigeon.