

## PAUL A. RACHETER

1920 - 1990

Paul A. Racheter, age 70 of Pigeon, passed away Saturday, September 15 at Scheurer Hospital, Pigeon.

He was born on May 19, 1920 in Toledo, Ohio, son of the late John and Clara (Spring) Racheter. On November 8, he was united in marriage to Aleatha R. Baur at the First Methodist Church, Pigeon.

Mr. Racheter attended Tri-state College in Angola, IN in 1938-39. He was a U.S. Army Veteran in the European Theater and a charter life member of the Tip-of-the-Thumb VFW Post No. 2236 as well as a life member of the disabled veterans.

As a life member of Winsor Lodge No. 420 F & AM, Pigeon, he served as a past master. He was also a member of: the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Masons, The Bay City Consistory; the Ancient Accepted Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine and the Elf Khurafeh of Saginaw.

Both the area Boy Scouts and the Lake Huron Area Scouting Program were a very active part of Mr. Racheter's life and he was the recipient of the Silver Beaver Award, A Vigil Member and Order of the Arrow Award.

Mr. Racheter was a former member of the Lions Club and Rotary International, a director of the Huron Council on Aging, a member of the Scheurer Hospital Humanitarian Club and a licensed ambulance attendant.

He was employed by the U.S. Postal Service as a rural postal carrier and served as Postmaster of the Pigeon Post

Office from 1960 to 1972. During this time he was also a Postmaster Trainer for the Chicago Region NAPUS Postmaster Committee Representative for Michigan. He was also a member of the National Association of Postmasters and the National Association of Retired Federal Employees.

Mr. Racheter was an active member of the First United Methodist Church in Pigeon, where he served on the Board of Trustees.

Surviving are his wife, Aleatha R.; a daughter, Mrs. Henry (Deann) Flues of Panama City, Florida; a son, Donald (Martha) Racheter of Pella, Iowa; five grandchildren; a great-grandson; a sister, Mrs. Clarana Allgeyer of Tinley Park, Illinois; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a brother, Virgil of Toledo.

A Masonic service will be conducted Tuesday, September 18 at 8:00 p.m. from Meyersieck-Bussema Funeral Home, Pigeon.

Funeral Services will be conducted on Wednesday, September 19 at 11:00 a.m. from the First United Methodist Church, Pigeon. Rev. James P. Schwandt, pastor, will officiate with burial in the Grand Lawn Cemetery, Pigeon.

Memorial contributions may be given in his memory to the American Heart Association.