

Harry F. "Bud" Hoelzle, age 93, of Pigeon, formerly of Caseville and Portage, MI, passed away peacefully on Monday, July 23, 2012 at Country Gardens in Pigeon. He was born in Flint on March 17, 1919 to the late Frederick G. Hoelzle and Inger E. (Rice) Hoelzle. On February 14, 1942 he was united in marriage to Virginia (Reeves) Hoelzle. After more than sixty years of marriage, she preceded him in death on January 3, 2008.

Bud, a chemical engineer, spent a rewarding career with E. I. DuPont from 1941-1981. He was affiliated with TAPPI and PIMA and was the National PIMA Man of the Year in 1982. Bud was and Eagle Scout, very active in the Boy Scouts and loved the outdoors. He and Virginia enjoyed traveling all 50 states and throughout the world. Bud was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Pigeon, Caseville Kiwanis and a Mason.

Bud is survived by his daughter, Elaine (David) Thornton of Georgetown, Kentucky; a son, Harold (Sherry) Hoelzle of Caseville, Michigan; five grandchildren, Bill Louthan, Mark Thornton, Jennifer Thornton, Heather (Hoelzle) Miles and Anne (Hoelzle) Smith; 11 great grandchildren; a brother, Harold "Hal" Hoelzle; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents; his wife; two sisters, Elaine Cheney and Eloise Fingland; a brother, Bill Hoelzle; and his daughter, Marjorie Louthan.

A memorial visitation will be held Saturday, July 28, 2012 at Meyersieck-Bussema Funeral Home in Pigeon from 1-5pm.

A memorial service will be held Sunday, July 29, 2012 at the First United Methodist Church in Pigeon at 3pm. Rev. John Britt will be officiating. Visitation on Sunday will be held at the church from 2pm until the time of service.