

Robert W. Webber, Sr.

1922 – 1999

Robert Wayne Webber, Sr., age 77 of Bay Port, passed away Thursday, December 23 at Covenant Hospital, Saginaw.

He was born in Caseville on May 22, 1922, the son of the late Peter Edwin and Mabel (Newman) Webber. He was united in marriage to Orpha B. Gettel in Caro on December 25, 1941. She preceded him in death on April 19, 1991. On December 6, 1993, he was married in Florida to Pat McBride, who survives him.

Mr. Webber was a 1941 graduate of Pigeon High School. While there, he was an accomplished athlete who participated in all sports, and received all-conference honors in football, basketball, and baseball for four years. From 1948-1970, he owned and operated the Webber Brothers Ford Tractor dealership in Pigeon with his brother Leonard. He was a Master Farmer, farming throughout his entire working career. An entrepreneur, Mr. Webber owned the A&P grocery store in Pigeon from 1958 through the mid-1970's, as well as owning and operating the car wash in Pigeon, and the Caseville Gulf gas station. For four years, he exhibited horses in seven states, having received the High Point World Champion in 1997. For several years, Mr. Webber wintered in Boynton Beach Florida.

He was a member of the Scenic Golf & Country Club, Pigeon, and served on the Village of Pigeon Council for many years. He was also a member of the Thumb National Bank & Trust Company Board of Directors from 1972-1997. He was also formerly involved with fundraising for Scheurer Hospital in Pigeon.

Mr. Webber was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, Berne.

He is survived by his wife, Pat; a daughter, Jerailyn Lee (Ronald) Schroeder of Port Austin; two sons Robert (Jean) Webber, Jr. of Bay Port and Edwin Leonard (Carol) Webber of Lebanon, Pennsylvania; 10 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; four stepchildren, Terry (Grace) Lucas, Jim Lucas, Julie (Bruce) Ciemniak, and Nancy (Dean) Smith; eight step-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Christa Lyn Schroeder Schneirla, two brothers, Miner and Leonard, and two sisters, Edna Webber and Leone Allen.

Funeral Services will be conducted at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, December 27 at St. John's Lutheran Church, Berne, with Rev. James Gorsegner, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery, McKinley Township.

Memorials may be made to the Robert W. Webber, Sr. Scholarship Fund.