Reinhardt W. Buchholz 1917 – 1999

Reinhardt William Buchholz, age 81 of Pigeon, passed away Tuesday, July 20 at his home following a brief illness.

He was born at the family home in Oliver Township on August 20, 1917, the son of the late Frederick and Doris (Bergman) Buchholz. He attended rural school in Oliver Township, and graduated from Elkton High School. On April 19, 1941, he was united in marriage to Marie J. Henne in Pigeon. She survives him.

Mr. Buchholz was a dairy farmer on the family homestead, a sales agent for Farm Bureau Insurance, as well as a member of the Farm Bureau. He was employed by Michigan Sugar Company for over 20 years, retiring in 1982. He was also a member of the St. Francis Borgia Catholic Church in Pigeon.

His survivors include his wife, Marie; six children: Patricia K. Kaelin of Royal Oak, Betty J. (Richard) Taft of Grand Blanc, Mary L. (Burton) Furness of Elkton, James W. (Linda) Buchholz of Trabuco Canyon, California, Phyllis M. (Jeffrey) Harris of Reston, Virginia, and Robert A. (Terri) Buchholz of Byron Center; 11 grandchildren: Christopher, Jeremy, Melissa, Marc, Jason, Christina, Matthew, Emily, Rachael, Michelle, and Katelyn; one greatgrandson, Zachary Arntz; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a son, David, and eight brothers and sisters: Ted, Henry, Walter, and Arnold Buchholz, Elsa Trost, Hedwig Salmon, Esther Hillman, and Amanda Richmond.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be conducted at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, July 23 from St. Francis Borgia Catholic Church with Fr. Malcolm Maloney, O.F.M. Cap., officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery. The Scripture Service will be 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 22 at the Meyersieck-Bussema Funeral Home, Pigeon, led by Sr. Theresa Fox, O.P.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or the American Diabetes Association.