

Briggs, Rev. Wesley

The Rev. Wesley Briggs, 90, lifelong resident of the Vassar and Millington area, went to his heavenly home on Monday, Sept. 9, 2002, with his family at his side while at Genesys Hospice Care Center in Goodrich. He was born March 17, 1912, in Vassar to Douglas and Mary (Crooks) Briggs. He was one of ten children. Wesley and Eileen Franzel were united in marriage Feb. 25, 1931, in Toledo, Ohio. They shared 71 years of marriage together. Wesley was a farmer until 1965 when he was called into the ministry. He pastored for more than 24 years. He retired in 1989 from the Vassar First Baptist Church. After retirement, he served from church to church as interim pastor. He and Eileen have four children, 28 grandchildren, 45 great-grandchildren and 13 great-great grandchildren. He is survived by his wife, Eileen; children, John "Jack" Briggs and his wife, Janice, of Millington, Mrs. Joan Harrington and her husband, Gerald, of Millington, Mrs. Marlene McMahan and her husband, Harry, of Mt. Morris, and Mrs. Glenda Kirt and her husband, Robert, of Mt. Morris; two brothers and their wives, Carl Briggs and his wife, Jean, of Houghton Lake, and Robert Briggs and his wife, Eleanor, of Flint; and many relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his brothers Harold, Raymond, Nelson, Clark and Ronald; sisters, Madolin and Ruth. Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 12, 2002, at Vassar First Baptist Church. Pastors Douglas Stockwell and Cyril Haines will officiate. Burial will be at the Tuscola Township Cemetery. Visitation will be from 2 to 5 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. today at Hanlin Funeral Home in Millington and from 11 a.m. until the time of the service Thursday at the church. Memorials may be offered to the First Baptist Church.