

Ricker, Vernon

Vernon David "Vern" Ricker, 78, of Owendale passed away on Saturday, Sept. 21, 2002, at Tendercare of Cass City. He was born in Owendale on July 9, 1924, the son of the late Vern and Ida (Diener) Ricker and was a 1943 graduate of Owendale High School. He married Edith Pfaff in 1943. He was united in marriage to Alice L. (Fox) LeValley in Cass City on May 24, 1975. She survives him. Mr. Ricker farmed throughout his life and worked also at Walbro for 22 years. He was a member of the Owendale United Methodist Church and the Owendale Lions Club. He was also a Mason with the Cass City Council No. 90 R & SM. His survivors include his wife, Alice Ricker of Owendale; daughter, Peggy Jovanovitz of Oxford; three sons, Alan Ricker and his wife, Susan, of Fenton, Gary Ricker and his wife, Barb, of Sebawaing and David Ricker and his wife, Draxie, of Clio; five stepsons, Paul LeValley and his wife, Debbie, of Petoskey, Bruce LeValley and his wife, Yvonne, Martin LeValley and his wife, Doris, Richard LeValley and his wife, Paula, all of Cass City and Alan LeValley and his wife, Tammy, of Bay Port; 15 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; sister, Beverly Bailey of Saginaw; brother, Jim Ricker and his wife, Dolly, of Pigeon; several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a brother, Duane. The funeral service will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 24, 2002, at the Owendale United Methodist Church with the Rev. John Heim, pastor officiating. Burial will be in the Grant Township Cemetery. Visitation is from 2 to 9 p.m. today at the Meyersieck-Bussema Funeral Home in Pigeon and from 10 a.m. until the time of the service Tuesday at the church. Memorials for Mr. Ricker may be made to the Owendale United Methodist Church, the Owendale Lions Club, or Tendercare of Cass City.