

Mervin O. Snider

(August 26, 1920 - September 16, 2013)

Mervin Orson Snider, age 93, died Monday evening, September 16th at his home with his wife, Phyllis at his side.



He was born in the same home to the late George and Tillie (Hoffman) Snider on August 26, 1920. Graduating from Elkton High School in 1938, he continued to farm the family acreage with a great appreciation and reverence for the soil with which he had been entrusted.

On June 24th, 1950, he was united in marriage to Phyllis J. Dean at the Coldwater Methodist Church. Merv was a life time member of the Elkton United Methodist Church, serving faithfully as a trustee and Head Usher for twenty seven years. He was a member of Farm Bureau, Thumb Area Antique Car Club, and many years as a member of the Huron County Baseball League. Deer hunting in the Upper Peninsula and ice fishing in Huron County were hobbies he enjoyed for all the years of his life.

Surviving are his wife Phyllis, of sixty three years, three children, Christine (Jack) York of Caseville, Russell (Betsy) Snider of Sedona, AZ., Cathryn Snider, Caseville, and grandchildren, Aaron (Lisa) Wenzel, Matt Wenzel, Brett Snider, Bridget Snider, David (Melissa) York and Jeremy (Melissa) York. great grandchildren, Isis, Cameron, North and Colin York. Paul and the late Sara Ballard, children of beloved friends, Jim and Nancy Ballard, knew Merv as Grandpa Snider, too. His brother, Orville and wife Ulla, brothers in law, John and Dale Dean, preceded him in death.

To his family and friends, he will be remembered as fun loving and witty but most of all, as caring, compassionate and generous with his life and resources. In retirement, Merv and Phyllis traveled extensively, spending the winter months for many years in Sedona, Az.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11:00 a.m. Thursday September 26th at the Elkton United Methodist church with Rev. Craig Pillow, Pastor, officiating. Visitation at the Champagne Funeral Chapel will be Wednesday, Sept. 25th from two to nine p.m. Memorials may be directed to Elkton United Methodist Church, Thumb Industries or charity of choice of donor.