

### **Nutzmann, Rev. Lavern**

Rev. Lavern Nutzmann, 92, of Port Hope, passed away in the long-term care unit of the Harbor Beach Community Hospital on Thursday, January 12, 2006. Born in Wall Lake, Iowa on November 11, 1913, he was the son of the late Otto and Margaret (Wunschel) Nutzmann. On June 21, 1946, Lavern and Iverne Mullins were united in marriage in Springfield, Illinois. She preceded him in death on January 31, 2005. Lavern was a graduate of Concordia College in Springfield, Illinois in 1946 and began his ministry in Iowa. He was the former pastor of the St. John's Lutheran Church in Palms for 19 years and at St. John Lutheran Church in Port Hope for 20 years. Besides his normal duties, he was a vacancy pastor for many other Lutheran churches in the Thumb area. He is survived by his children, John Nutzmann and his wife, Joyce, of Mount Morris, Paul Nutzmann and his wife, Elaine, of Deckerville, and Judy Nutzmann, of Mount Pleasant; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and a brother, Elmer Nutzmann, of Long Beach, California. Lavern was preceded in death by a son, James Nutzmann; a grandson, Andrew Nutzmann; and a sister, Leona Johnson. Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. on Sunday, January 15, 2006, in St. John Lutheran Church, Port Hope, with burial in the Downing Cemetery, Deckerville. A scripture service will be conducted at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday in the Ramsey Funeral Home, Harbor Beach. Visitation will be from 2 to 9 p.m. on Saturday at the funeral home and from 1:30 p.m. until the time of services on Sunday at the church.