

Battel, Arthur W.

Arthur W. Battel, 89, of Cass City, died Saturday, December 2, 2006, in Tendercare Nursing Facility in Cass City. He was born January 14, 1917 at home in Elkland Township to John and Bessie (Sowden) Battel. He married Marjory Magdalene Schwegler on November 19, 1942 in the Cass City Evangelical United Brethren Church. Arthur was a livestock farmer, raising dairy cows and swine, as well as producing maple syrup on the family farm. At the time of his death, he was the oldest living member of the Fraser Presbyterian Church. His family members were founding fathers of the church. Arthur was a 4H member in his youth and a 4H leader as an adult. He was an active supporter of the Tuscola County Fair and the Michigan State Fair, and participated in both by exhibiting livestock. During his years as a member of Fraser Presbyterian Church, Arthur held various offices including serving as Elder since 1949; he also was a former Sunday School Superintendent. Arthur is survived by his wife, Marjory; children, John (Reba) Battel, of Dandridge, Tennessee, Mark (Diane) Battel, of Cass City, Margaret (Richard) Bethel, of Belmont; grandchildren, Michael (Andrea) Battel, Philip (Charise) Battel, Christopher (Kara) Battel, Robert (Sue) Battel, Brenda Battel, Daniel Bethel; great granddaughters, Laura, Elaina, Carla, Addy, Dori, Ella; sister, Lillian (Lawrence) Neaves, of Las Vegas, Nevada; sister-in-law, Betsy Sowden, of Vassar; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his foster brother, Morris Sowden. A funeral service will take place at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, December 5, 2006, in Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with Rev. David Blackburn officiating. Visitation will be from 2-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. on Monday, December 4, and 10-11 a.m. on Tuesday, December 5, at the Kranz Funeral Home in Cass City. Interment will take place in Elkland Township Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Fraser Presbyterian Church or the Tuscola County Fair Association. Family and friends may share memories, prayers and stories with his family at www.kranzfuneralhome.com.