

Simmons, Leslie R.

Leslie Raymond "Les" Simmons, 89, of Gotts Corner died Friday morning, March 10, 2000, at home following a long illness. He was born Jan. 4, 1911, in Grindstone City, at the home of his parents, the late William and Alice (Brinker) Simmons. On Oct. 5, 1932, he was united in marriage to Hazel Carson at his parents' home. Les had worked as a carpenter for Caseville Lumber for a time and also at Damm's Inc. in Pigeon as a mechanic. In 1955, he took a position as bus mechanic for the Elkton School. In 1966, he left there and started his own business "Simmons Service" at Gotts Corner, operating it for 33 years and never retired. He was a member of the Pinnebog United Methodist Church and the Caseville Retirement Club. Surviving are his wife, Hazel; two sons, Les Simmons and his wife, Bev, of Caseville, and Rich Simmons and his wife, Lisa, of Kinde; two daughters, Rose Stiebe and her husband, Robert, of Filion, and Donna Cross of Caro; 15 grandchildren, two step-grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren and five step-great-grandchildren. Preceding him in death were three sons, Henry, Raymond and Robert; one daughter, Myrtle Marie and three great-grandsons, David Wichert, Henry T. Simmons and Joshua Smith. Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Monday, March 13, 2000, at the Pinnebog United Methodist Church. The Rev. Robert Garrett, pastor, will officiate with burial in the Colfax Township Cemetery. Visitation will be from 2 to 9 p.m. today at the Champagne Funeral Chapel in Caseville, and after 10 a.m. Monday at the church. Memorials may be directed to the family.