

Klaus, Kenneth R.

Kenneth R. Klaus, 80, of Palms, went to be with the Lord on Tuesday, Feb. 3, 2009 at St. Mary's of Saginaw after a long illness, surrounded by his family.

He was born Jan. 29, 1929 in Detroit, the son of the late Raymond and Evelyn (Erdman) Klaus. Mr. Klaus attended Minden City School. After graduation, he went on to sail the Great Lakes for six years as a first assistant engineer. He wed Marilyn Taylor in February 1953, and together they had seven children. He then joined the U.S. Army and served his country proudly. After his honorable discharge from the Army, he settled in Palms and began farming. In July 1986, he wed Sandra Warchuck. He was a salesman for Moorman's Feed and Asgrow Seed. He served on the Deckerville Community School Board of Education, the Deckerville Community Hospital Board and was Supervisor for Delaware Township for 32 years until December 2008. He was a lifelong member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Forestville.

Ken loved to hunt, play cards, work on the farm and visit with his friends and customers. He cherished spending time at his cabin in Roscommon with his family. He will truly be missed by all. Ken is survived by his wife of 23 years, Sandy (Warchuck) Klaus of Palms; his first wife Marilyn Klaus of Port Sanilac; six children, Cinda (Dennis) Shanks of Onstead, Lynn (John) Meissner of Hartland, Mark (Sally) Klaus of Palms, Julie (Terry) Meissner of Cedar Springs, Kriss (Renee) Klaus of Lapeer and Eric (Kim) Klaus of Linden; two step-sons, Keith (Heidi) Mausolf of Minden City and Bradley (Angela) Mausolf of Forestville; 11 grandchildren, Beth (Rob) Flumignan, Lee (Kris) Norlock, Alicia and Jonathon Meissner, Dustin, Amanda and Toni Klaus, Kenneth and Drew Eyer, and Arieona and Addison Klaus; step-grandchildren, Michael and Hailey Mausolf, Katrina Mausolf, and Alex and Zack Halifax; one great-grandson, Ethan Flumignan; three brothers, Earl (Phyllis) Klaus of Deckerville, Ronald (Eleanor) Klaus of Palms and Dale Klaus of Deckerville; one sister, Charlotte Fisher of Flushing; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Raymond and Evelyn Klaus; one daughter, Cheryl Klaus; and one step-son, Scott Mausolf.

Funeral services to celebrate the life of Kenneth R. Klaus will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 7, 2009 in Trinity Lutheran Church, Palms. Pastor Richard Wilson will officiate. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Visitation will be from 4 to 9 p.m. Thursday and 1 to 9 p.m. Friday in the Apsey Funeral Home, your "Legacy of Life" funeral home, and from 10 a.m. until the time of service Saturday at the church.

Memorials may be given to the Deckerville Community Hospital, Trinity Lutheran Church or the family discretionary fund.

Condolences may be sent to apseyfuneralhome.com