

## **Dast, Don**

Don Dast, 82, of Pigeon, passed away Thursday, December 1, 2005, at Covenant Harrison in Saginaw. Born in Bay Port on February 4, 1923, he was the son of the late John William and Maria T. Amanda (Heck) Dast, and was a 1940 graduate of Pigeon High School. On June 1, 1947, he was united in marriage to Verona Luedtke at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Berne. The Dasts were married for more than 52 years when Verona passed away on October 23, 1999. In 1947, Don established an egg wholesale business with Fred Wieckenberg of Detroit. In 1958, he sold his interest in the egg business and began his career with Pigeon Lumber & Supply Company, which he managed for more than 42 years until his retirement. In 2001, Don came out of retirement, and with his son Dennis, established Custom Cabinets by Pennville Plus, Inc. Don was always a staunch supporter of the Pigeon community. He was a member of the Pigeon Chamber of Commerce and a charter member and former member of the Pigeon Lions Club. He and Verona were part of a card club with dear friends for more than 50 years. He was a lifelong faithful and active voting member of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Berne, where he held several offices. He is survived by two sons, Dennis Dast, of Pigeon, and Douglas Dast and his wife, Shirley, of Bay City; two daughters, Margo and her husband, Lothar von Daggenhausen, of Flint, and Wendy and her husband, Ronald Terwilliger, of Pigeon; eight grandchildren, Jennifer and Todd Thunberg, Christopher and Kelly Dast, Stephanie and Paul Wilson, Heidi von Daggenhausen and fiancé, Randall Hampton, Megan von Daggenhausen, Stacey von Daggenhausen, Brandon Terwilliger, and Jason Terwilliger; a sister, Lois Dast, of Pigeon; a brother, Wesley Dast and his wife, Verda, of Pigeon; a sister-in-law, MariAnne Dast, of Pigeon; a brother-in-law, Arthur Luedtke, of Pigeon; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a brother, Clare Dast; and a sister-in-law, Alice Luedtke. A funeral service will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Monday, December 5, 2005, at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Berne, with the Rev. James A. Gorsegner, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Sunday at the Meyersieck-Bussema Funeral Home, Pigeon, and from 10 a.m. until the time of the service on Monday at the church. Memorials may be made to St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church or Scheurer Hospital.