

## **Brakenberry, Douglas**

Douglas Edward Brakenberry, 84, a retired Colfax Township farmer, died Thursday, March 21, 2002, at Courtney Manor in Bad Axe under hospice care. He was born on March 20, 1918, at the home of his parents, the late Edward and Delia (Wilder) Brakenberry in Colfax Township. Douglas attended McDowell Country School. On March 1, 1941, he was united in marriage to Minnie Motz at the Assembly of God Church in Bad Axe. He and Minnie lived in Monroe for two years and then moved to Colfax Township where they lived and farmed most of their lives. He retired in 1976 and they moved to Oliver Township. He was a member of the Evangel Life Assembly of God Church where he was a board member. He was a member of the Thumb Two Cylinder Club, also. Surviving are his wife, Minnie; four children, Marilyn Smithers and her husband, John, of Elkton, Marie Schember and her husband, Duane, of Pigeon, Ralph Brakenberry and his wife, Linda, of Pigeon and Ron Brakenberry and his wife, Brenda, of Bad Axe; 10 grandchildren; seven step-grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; three step-great-grandchildren; two sisters, June Nicholls of Woodhaven and Irene Benzo and her husband, Warren, of Brooklyn. Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Monday at Evangel Life Assembly of God Church in Bad Axe. The Rev. Robert E. Smith, pastor, will officiate with burial in Riverside Cemetery in Elkton. Visitation is from 2 to 9 p.m. today at the Champagne Funeral Home in Elkton and from 10 a.m. until the time of the services Monday at the church. Memorials may be made to Evangel Life Assembly of God Church or the family discretionary fund. - Words of condolence may be left at [www.champagnefuneralchapel.com](http://www.champagnefuneralchapel.com)