

IRVINE L. WERNER

1914 - 1988

Irvine L. Werner, age 74, of Elkton, a former Pigeon area businessman, passed away Wednesday, Feb. 17 at Bay Medical Center, Bay City.

He was born Jan. 14, 1914 in Pewamo, son of the late Bernard and Elizabeth (Simons) Werner. He moved to Pigeon in 1941 and farmed until 1955, when he founded Werner Farm Markets in Pigeon and Bay Port. He also wholesaled produce to Detroit and out-of-state until he closed the business in 1969. He worked for 10 years at Occidental Chemical Co., Elkton, until his retirement in 1979.

Mr. Werner was a past member of the Pigeon Lions Club.

He is survived by a son, Larry Werner, Elkton; three daughters, Mrs. Eric (Bonnie) Smith, Flint and Mrs. Thomas (Peggy) Malone and Mrs. Melvin (Patsy) Reiter, both of Burt; eight grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; one brother, Harold Werner, Portland and three sisters, Mrs. Clifford (Lillian) Richardson, Grand Ledge, Mrs. Reta Gregersen, Ionia and Mrs. Alma Hillery, North Carolina.

He was preceded in death by one grandson and two brothers, Fredrick Werner and Edgar Werner.

A Funeral Mass was conducted Saturday, Feb. 20 at St. Francis Borgia Catholic Church, Pigeon. The Rev. Fr. Ben Skornia, pastor, officiated with burial in Riverside Cemetery, Elkton.

Funeral arrangements were handled by the Elkton chapel of Champagne Funeral Chapels.

Memorials may be made to the church, Leader Dogs for the Blind or the Elkton Ambulance Service.