

**Esch, Clarence J.**

Clarence J. Esch, 87, of Sebewaing, died Saturday, July 5, 2008 at Scheurer Hospital in Pigeon following a one year illness.

He was born May 7, 1921 in Sebewaing to the late Ernest J. and Martha A. (Pobanz) Esch. He was united in marriage to Marilyn F. Rockett on Feb. 6, 1960 in Conover, NC. He had been a farmer in the Sebewaing area for many years before retiring in 1983.

Clarence was a member of St. Peter Lutheran Church in Bach. He had been a Sunday school teacher and had served on several church boards. He also was a member of Scenic Country Club in Pigeon and had been an avid golfer. He also was a past member of the Ricardo Ranch Hunt Club in Atlanta.

Surviving are his wife, Marilyn, of Sebewaing; several nieces and nephews, Timothy and Philip Esch, both of Sebewaing; Dan (Janet) Esch of Yuma, AZ; Lois (Jon) Sorenson of Anchorage, AK; Kim Cater, Taska King, Tiersa Lane, Tonya Self and Kevin Frye, all of North Carolina; one sister-in-law, Grace (William) Esch Hepburn of Everett, WA; two brothers-in-law, William (Shirley) Rockett and William Frye, all of Conover, NC.

He was preceded in death by his twin bother, Clemence Esch, in 2000.

Funeral service will take place at 11 a.m., Wednesday, July 9, 2008 at St. Peter Lutheran Church in Bach. The Rev. Jonathan Meyer will officiate with burial in the Northlawn Cemetery in Sebewaing.

Visitation will be from 2 to 9 p.m. Tuesday at Dinkel-Juengel Funeral Home in Sebewaing and from 10 a.m. until the time of service Wednesday at the church.

Memorials may be made to St. Peter Lutheran Church.

Arrangements are being handled by the Dinkel-Juengel Funeral Home in Sebewaing.