

Stephens, Vernon W.

Vernon W. "John" Stephens, 87, died Sunday, March 20, 2005, at Tendercare of Cass City following a brief illness. He was born on March 18, 1918 in Sebewaing, the son of the late Bon and Amy (Pitcher) Stephens. He was married to Margaret Auld who preceded him in death. He then was united in marriage to Alma Pitcher on August 21, 1989. Vernon had been employed by General Motors in Flint for 38 years before retiring in 1974. He was a member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Sebewaing. He enjoyed hunting and fishing. Surviving are his wife, Alma, of Sebewaing; one daughter, Dianne Gollnast, of Clio; one step-daughter, Karyl Cole and her husband, Philip, of Traverse City; one step-son, Terry Pitcher and his wife, Jane, of Mesa, Arizona; three grandchildren; several step-grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren; also one sister, Cleo Kirbyson, of Saginaw; several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by one son, William Stephens; one sister, Marie Davenport; and one brother, Bon Stephens. Cremation has taken place at Sunset Valley Crematory in Bay City. A memorial service will take place at a later date. Arrangements are being handled by the Dinkel-Juengel Funeral Home in Sebewaing. Those planning an expression of sympathy are asked to consider Immanuel Lutheran Church.