

OTTO J. RATHJE
1887-1976

Otto J. Rathje, age 88, of Pigeon, passed away Saturday, April 17 at Scheurer Hospital, Pigeon.

He was born December 28, 1887 in Grabau, Germany. On July 2, 1913 he was united in marriage to Anna D. Meyer in Pigeon. He was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, Berne, a former Director of Cooperative Elevator, Michigan Milk Producers Association and F. & M. Association of Michigan Sugar Company.

Mr. Rathje is survived by his wife, Anna; two daughters, Mrs. Henry (Gertrude) Roestel, Pigeon, and Mrs. Charles (Esther) Weaver, San Francisco, California; three sons, Alvin and Marlin, both of Pigeon, and Arnold, Cleveland, Ohio; 16 grandchildren, and 15 great grandchildren.

Four sisters and six brothers preceded him in death.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday, April 20 at 1:30 p.m. from St. John's Lutheran Church, Berne. The Rev. Philip K. Press will officiate with burial in the church cemetery.

Arrangements by
Shetler-Bussema Funeral Home
Pigeon, Michigan