

English, Ray

Ray A. English, 97, of Colfax Township died Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 20, 2002, at Sunny Acres Nursing Center in Bad Axe. He was born Dec. 26, 1904, in Colfax Township at the home of his parents, the late Albert and Anna (Marriott) English. On Aug. 17, 1929, he was united in marriage to Fern I. Campbell at the Methodist parsonage in Elkton. That same year, they purchased the farm where he was residing until a few weeks ago. In addition to farming, Ray was a substitute mail carrier in rural Bad Axe for 23 years. He served on the Colfax Township Board for 30 years, 27 of them as treasurer. He retired from farming in 1973. Fern preceded him in death on May 11, 1994. Ray was a member of the Elkton United Methodist Church and Elkton Lions Club. He was a life member of the Verona Huron Masonic Lodge No. 365 in Bad Axe and the Elkton Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star No. 431, and a charter member of the Elkton Senior Citizens. He served on the board of directors of the Elkton Civic Center and was a member of the Huron County Farm Bureau for more than 50 years. He is survived by two sons, Alan English and his wife, Linda, and Don English, both of Bad Axe; nine grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; his sister-in-law, Helen Schultz of Bad Axe; and several nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 23, 2002, at the Elkton United Methodist Church. The Rev. Pete Crawford, pastor will officiate with burial in Colfax Township Cemetery. Visitation will be 3 to 8 p.m. today at the Champagne Funeral Chapel in Elkton and after 10 a.m. Saturday at the church. Memorials may be given to his church or the Elkton Civic Center.