

# **JOHN W. CHAMPAGNE**

## **1919 - 1995**

John W. Champagne, 75, Pinnebog, owner of Pinnebog Electric, died Monday, Sept. 18, at his home after suffering a heart attack.

He was born Sept. 22, 1919 in Chandler Township, son of the late John and Ella (Hebert) Champagne.

On Nov. 30, 1948, he was united in marriage to Marjorie Bills at St. Felix Catholic Church.

Mr. Champagne lived in Chandler Township all his life. After graduating from Pinnebog High School, he enlisted in the Army and served in the Aleutian Islands during World War II.

When he returned to Huron County, he worked the family farm and also at Active Industries. In the late 1950s, he began working as an electrician for Ginter Electric, Elton, and later Don Brown Electric, Pigeon. In 1977, he founded Pinnebog Electric, which he was still operating.

He had been on the St. Felix Church Council many years, electrical inspector for Chandler Township, past commander and chaplain of the Caseville American Legion, Drill Sergeant of the Blue Devils Drill Squad, life member of the Elton VFW, past commander of the Huron County Allied Veterans Council, and a member of the Lake Board of Education from 1972 to 1988.

Surviving are his wife Marjorie, three sons, Roger of Pinnebog, John (Jill) of Elton, and Neil (Colleen) of White Lake, a daughter, Karen (David) Lister of Homosassa, Fla.; 12 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Evelyn (Carl) Gross, and Leona Holdnick, both of Caseville.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Clarence and Hebert, and two sisters, Bernice Bushey and Pat VanDeputte.

A funeral mass was conducted at St. Felix Catholic Church, Pinnebog on Thursday, Sept. 21, with Rev. Fr. Barney Janowicz officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

