

**Heron, Clare O.**

Clare Oran Heron, 79, of Caseville, passed away Friday, Jan. 1, 2010 at the Huron County Medical Care Facility, Bad Axe.

Born in Caseville on Oct. 20, 1930, he was the son of the late Twilton and Sara Mae (Grigg) Heron, attended Caseville School, and graduated from Bay Port High School in 1949.

On June 1, 1951 he was united in marriage to Joan Wakefield at the Chandler Presbyterian Church.

Clare worked for Michigan Oven Company in Caseville for 44 years and retired in 1993 as assistant superintendent. From 1966 -1976 Clare served as a member of the Caseville School Board. He was a life member of the Hubbard Winsor Lodge No. 420 F & AM as well as past master of the Caseville Lodge. Clare enjoyed golfing, hunting, and playing cards. He especially enjoyed traveling to the family cabin near Luzerne where friends and family would gather. He loved spending time with his family.

Clare was a lay reader for many years in the United Methodist Church, and was an active and faithful member, serving in many capacities. He was a member of the Pigeon First United Methodist Church.

In addition to Joan, his wife of 58 years, Clare is survived by two daughters and a son, Connie Marie Champagne of Gainesville, Fla., Christine Kay (David) Hockin of Caseville, and David Michael Heron of Bay Port; six grandchildren, Amber Marie, Bryan James, Daniel Clare, Michael David, Eugene Virgil, and Trisha Michelle; four great-grandchildren, Alex, Laura, Ethan, and Mykenzi; three sisters, Eva Grigg of Caseville, Beatrice Anklam of Pigeon, and Barbara Diller of Caseville; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his brothers, Thomas and Francis; and sisters, Leona Kreh, Isabelle Kreh, Sara Jamison, Sybil Heron, and Esther Stirrett.

Funeral service will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 5, 2010 at the Pigeon First United Methodist Church, with the Rev. John Britt, pastor, officiating. Cremation will follow.

Visitation from 10 a.m. until the service at 11 a.m. on Tuesday at the church. Arrangements by Meyersieck-Bussema Funeral Home in Pigeon.

Memorials may be made to Pigeon First United Methodist Church or Caseville Public School.