

EDWARD JOSEPH "TED" GELNAW

1921 - 1999

Ted Gelnow, age 77, of Elkton, died Tuesday evening, February 2, at Valley Lutheran Hospital, Mesa, AZ.

He was born Monday, July 11, 1921 in Huron County, only son in a family of nine, to the late Edward and Agnes (Itchue) Gelnow.

Ted attended school in Elkton. He worked with his dad on the family farm west of Elkton until 1942 when he started working at Pigeon Motors in sales. He remained there his entire working career, 44 years, retiring in 1986.

On June 18, 1976 he was united in marriage to Louise (Finn) Kleiss in Elkton. They lived on the farm until 1992, when they moved into town, spending the winters in Arizona.

Ted was a member of St. Francis Borgia Catholic Church, Pigeon. He loved to play cards and was always full of stories and fun.

Surviving are his wife, Louise; three sons, Joe (Sue) Kleiss of Bettendorf, Iowa, Bill (Lori) Kleiss of Ubley and Bob Kleiss of Holland; two daughters, Becky (Art) Bischof of Goose Creek, SC and Jane (Walter) Murray of Clinton Twp.; five grandchildren; one great grandson and two sisters, Laura (Frank) Payne of Washington and Irene (Bob) McBride of Standish. Preceding him in death were six sisters, Marie McGee, Bernie Bruce, Lorraine McCarthy, Elsie Leitch, Stella Danks and Loretta Nowak.

A funeral mass will be conducted 11:00 AM Saturday, February 6, at St. Francis Borgia Catholic Church, Pigeon with burial in the church cemetery.