

Depner Sr., John

John Depner Sr., 89, beloved husband, father, grandfather, uncle, friend, and lifelong Caseville area farmer, died Friday morning, Sept. 6, 2002, at the Scheurer Hospital emergency room. He was born Aug. 21, 1913 in Lake Township at the home of his parents, the late John and Sophia (Zopp) Depner. He attended and graduated from Rock City School near his home on State Park Road. On Aug. 6, 1938, he was united in marriage to Mary L. Pelant at her parent's home in Caseville Township. John grew up, lived, and farmed in Lake Township all his life, still working in the fields this summer. He loved being with his family and also spending time each morning with his friends at Walt's Restaurant. Other interests included auction sales, antique cars and tractors, fiddle music and solving puzzles. John was a faithful member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Sand Point, and practiced his faith in his daily life. He lived a simple and contented life. Because the Lord was his Shepherd, he had everything he needed. Surviving are his wife of 64 years, Mary; two sons, John Depner and his wife, Ruth, and Michael Depner, all of Caseville; two daughters, Alaine Beck and her husband, Todd, of Bangor, and Ivoughn Depner of Caseville; and three grandchildren, Eric, Daniel, and Chelsea. He was preceded in death by a son, Gary, in 1953; a brother, Michael; and two sisters, Sophia Depner and Sarah Hill. Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Monday, Sept. 9, 2002, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Sand Point. The Rev. James Nihiser, pastor, will officiate with burial in Caseville Township Cemetery. Visitation will be from 2 to 9 p.m. today at the Champagne Funeral Chapel, Caseville, and at the church after 1 p.m. Monday. Memorials may be given to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, or Bibles through the Gideons International. Funeral information also can be viewed at www.CFCcaseville.com.