

# JOHN FITZGERALD TANTON

1898 - 1987

A visitation period starting at 2 pm Thursday, May 7, will be followed by a memorial service at 8 pm at Dinkel-Juengel Funeral Home, Sebewaing, for John Fitzgerald Tanton, 89, of 3923 Lange Road, Sebewaing, who passed away at 1:30 am Monday, May 4, in Bay Medical Center following a lengthy illness.

Rev. Lawrence Brooks, pastor of Trinity United Methodist Church, Sebewaing, of which Mr. Tanton was a longtime member, will officiate. Mr. Tanton had willed his body to the University of Michigan School of Medicine in Ann Arbor.

He was born in London, Ontario, on March 19, 1898, son of the late John B. P. and Elizabeth (Browne) Tanton. He served with the Canadian Expeditionary Force in World War I. He was graduated from University of Toronto in 1927 with a Bachelor of Science degree in chemical engineering, and was an engineer with the Timken Company in Detroit. He continued with the company when it was taken over by Rockwell.

He and Hannah Koch of Sebewaing were married in Detroit in 1932, and near the close of World War II, on February 1, 1945, the family moved to Mrs. Tanton's home farm on Lange Road. Although city-born, raised and educated, Mr. Tanton made the switch from the laboratory to farm fields easily and he was known as an innovator and adapter of many successful farming practices. He retired from farming in 1971.

Surviving are his widow, Hannah, a son, John H. Tanton, MD, of Petoskey, daughter, Mrs. Kenneth (Elizabeth) Faupel of Richland, 2 granddaughters and 2 grandsons, and 2 sisters, Marion Wallace and Margaret Tanton, both of London. He was preceded in death by a son, Thomas, who passed away in 1958, and a sister, Isabel Gordon.

Friends wishing to offer memorials are invited to consider Trinity Church or a charity of their choice.