

# John C. Christner

## 1905 - 1999

John C. "Jack" Christner, age 94 of Pigeon, passed away Friday, December 17 at the Scheurer Hospital Long Term Care Unit in Pigeon.

He was born in Kokomo, Indiana on January 6, 1905, the son of the late John A. and Lydia (Boshart) Christner. On December 31, 1929, he was united in marriage to Rhea H. Haist in Pigeon. She preceded him in death on November 7, 1999.

Mr. Christner was a farmer throughout his lifetime. In his younger years, he was a horse trader, and farmed with a team of horses, at one point, owning more than 20 horses. He also owned a team of ponies. He was a member of the Farm Bureau and was long active with Bay Shore Evangelical Camp in Sebewaing.

Mr. Christner was a faithful member of Salem United Methodist Church in Pigeon since 1933.

He is survived by a daughter, Ellamae (Howard) Bedford of Pigeon; two sons, Dale A. (Joyce) Christner of Pigeon and Glen A. (Nancy) Christner of Gagetown; eight grandchildren: Jeffery Diachenko, Melony (Marc) Cross, Teresa Stiles, Christine (Michael) Jean, Kent (Karen) Christner, Norman (Melissa) Christner, Karrie (Gregory) Foy, and Debby (Michael) Johnson; 11 great-grandchildren; three step-great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandson; and a brother-in-law, Howard Haist of Pontiac. He was preceded in death by a granddaughter, two brothers, and four sisters.

Funeral Services will be conducted at 11:30 a.m. on Monday, December 20 at the Salem United Methodist Church, with Rev. Calvin Long, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Grand Lawn Cemetery, Winsor Township.

Memorials may be made to Salem United Methodist Church, Bay Shore Camp, or Scheurer Hospital Long Term Care.

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