

**Schember, Walter A.**

Walter A. Schember, 87, of Elkton, died Monday afternoon, February 16, 2004, at Tender Care in Cass City. He was born September 7, 1916 at the home of his parents, the late Alfred and Lydia (Staehli) Schember, in the stone quarry near Bay Port. On December 28, 1938, he was united in marriage to Eleanor Lucht in Pigeon. They worked his father-in-law's farm in Winsor Township until his father-in-law passed away. Then they bought the farm and continued working it until 1965. In 1965, he began working for the Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port School District as a custodian at the Elkton School, retiring in 1981. Eleanor preceded him in death on May 11, 1971. In November of 1971, he moved to Elkton. On June 16, 1973, he married Thelma (Dafoe) Burk in Bad Axe. She preceded him in death on May 26, 1998. He was a member of the Elkton Missionary Church and has been very active in town during the summer planting and caring for the flowers around town and the gazebo since 1989. Surviving are four sons, Darold and his friend, Judy, of Caro, Clare and his wife, Eva, of Gagetown, Duane and his wife, Marie, of Pigeon, Edwin and his wife, Sue, of Bad Axe; a daughter, Josephine Rockefeller and her husband, Larry, of Owendale; a stepson, Howard Burk, of Bad Axe; a stepdaughter, Phyllis Miller, of Detroit; 20 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; 20 step-grandchildren; 34 step-great-grandchildren; five step-great-great-grandchildren; seven brothers, Clarence and his wife, Kate, of Lapeer, Earl and his wife, Doris, of Gagetown, Ken and his wife, Lucille, Robert, and Edward, all of Elkton, Jerry and his wife, Jane, of Goodells, and Wayne and his wife, Joanne, of Pigeon; two sisters, Evelyn Haley, of Owendale and Alene McCracken, of Bad Axe. Preceding him in death was his son, Dale; a stepdaughter, Faith Riches; a brother, Olin; and four grandchildren. Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Thursday, February 19, 2004, at the Elkton Missionary Church. The Rev. Reggie Courliss, pastor, will officiate with burial in Grandlawn Cemetery, Pigeon. Visitation will be from 2 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday at Champagne Funeral Chapel, Elkton, and after 10 a.m. on Thursday at the church. Memorials may be given to the Elkton Missionary Church.