

**Gaeth, Frederick H.**

Frederick H. Gaeth, 90, of Pigeon formerly of Richmond, died Monday morning, Oct. 5, 2009 at Tender Care, Cass City.

He was born Aug. 14, 1919, in Unionville to the late August and Lena (Schoening) Gaeth. Fred was a graduate of Unionville High School and was the last surviving man from the Class of 1937.

He was united in marriage to Hortense Parker on Jan. 11, 1941 in Unionville. They lived in Caro for a time, where he was employed at the Federal Landbank Assn. He was later transferred to the Richmond office where he retired as manager in 1980 with 30 years of service. Hortense preceded him in death April 1, 1991.

On Feb. 14, 1992, he married Viola Sopha in St. Clair; she also preceded him in death in the fall of 2000. That year, he moved to Pigeon to be nearer his family.

Fred was a member of St. John Lutheran Church, Berne and was an avid Tiger Fan, no matter what their standing. He also enjoyed shooting pool and did countless crossword puzzles.

Surviving are his children, Gary (Janet) Gaeth of Washington, Utah, Lana (James) Baird of Algonac and Susan (Robert) Fryer of Caseville; six grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; and his brother, Norbert (Thelma) Gaeth of Florida.

Preceding him in death were two brothers, Oscar and Wilbert Gaeth; and four sisters, Meta Gaeth, Hannah Newman, Linda Marth and Emma Beitz.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 8, 2009 at St. John Lutheran Church, Berne. The Rev. James Gorsengner, pastor will officiate with burial in Marysville Riverlawn Cemetery, Marysville.

Visitation will be from 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at the Champagne Funeral Chapel, Elkton and after 10 a.m. Thursday at the church.

Memorials may be directed to St. John Lutheran Church.

You may sign the guest book or share words of condolence at [www.cfcElkton.com](http://www.cfcElkton.com).