

Kuch, Robert J.

Robert Joseph "Bob" Kuch, 81, of Caseville, passed away Monday, Nov. 17, 2008 at his home. Born at home in Caseville on April 4, 1927, Bob was the son of the late Joseph and Mary (Fashing) Kuch. He attended Caseville Schools, and in 1945 he graduated from Pigeon High School. In 1944 he began his service with the U.S. Navy and served during World War II. On Nov. 18, 1950 he was united in marriage to Dolores J. Rieck at St. John's Lutheran Church, Berne. She survives him.

Bob was a sports lover, enjoying the Tigers, Lions, Pistons, as well as high school sports. He loved to farm, and farmed throughout his lifetime. Bob was a kind man, having many friends, and enjoyed being with them. He was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, Berne, where he was baptized and confirmed.

In addition to his wife Dolores, to whom he had been married 58 years, Bob is survived by his children, Sherril & Lee Steinman of Pigeon, Ronald & Connie Kuch of Caseville, Ann & Donald Herford of Elkton, and Lori Neal & friend Joseph Wonsowicz of Pigeon; six grandchildren, James & Tricia Steinman, Jeremy & Heidi Steinman, Jason Kuch, David Kuch, Brandon Neal and Rebecca Neal; six great-grandchildren, Kaela, Clayton, Colton, Sarah, Skylar, and Sadie; a sister, Erma Meissner of Portage; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a brother, John Kuch; and two sisters, Caroline Caspar and Amelia Bolzman.

Funeral service will be conducted at 11 a.m. Thursday at St. John's Lutheran Church, Berne, with the Rev. James A. Gorsegrner, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Visitation will be from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday and from 2 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at Meyersieck-Bussema Funeral Home in Pigeon. Visitation also will be held from 10 a.m. until the service time at 11 a.m. Thursday at the church.

Memorials may be made to St. John's Lutheran Church or the American Diabetes Association.