

Willard William Miller 1925 -2004

Willard "Bud" William Miller of Sebewaing (formerly of Owendale), passed away Saturday, September 25 at Bay Regional Medical Center, at the age of 78.

Willard was born October 24, 1925 at the family home in Pigeon to Edward Henry and Minnie Sylvia (Wurtz) Miller, and graduated from the Winsor School. He married Mary Ellen MacDonald on April 9, 1966 at Salem Evangelical United Brethren Church in Pigeon. They made their home, until recent years in Owendale, where they raised their five children on a 120-acre farm.

In addition to farming, Willard was employed by the Michigan Sugar Company in Sebewaing for over 30 years, until his retirement in 1989. Willard was a member of Salem United Methodist Church in Pigeon, R.E.A.C.T., and the Audubon Society. He enjoyed summers at Bay Shore Camp in Sebewaing, rollerskating, and was an avid fisherman. He enjoyed spending time with his family, and in recent years, with his six young grandchildren.

Left behind are his wife, Mary Ellen Miller of Sebewaing; four daughters and a son, Tina Marie Miller of Sebewaing, Sandra Lee (Bill) Garcia of Saginaw, Anne Margaret (Michael) Albrecht of Clawson, Connie Sue (Jamie) Smith of Lake Isabella, and James Edward (Jamie) Miller of Bay City; and four grandsons and two granddaughters: Noah & Macy Garcia, Hunter & Dakota Miller, Jacob Albrecht, and Emma Smith. Also surviving are a brother and three sisters, Delmar (Margo) Miller of Owendale, Lucille (Rex) Cox of Cass City, Aleta (Bob) Bauer of Elkton, Ellen (Eldon) Stoutenberg of Cass City; his mother-in-law, Helen Simmons; many nieces and nephews; and several in-laws. He was preceded in death by his parents. Funeral Services will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 29 at Salem United Methodist Church, Pigeon, with Rev. Michael T. Sawicki, pastor, and Rev. Ken Smeader officiating. Burial will be in Grand Lawn Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Bay Shore Camp in Sebewaing.