

Murdoch, Wesley J.

Wesley John Murdoch, 90, McKinley Township farmer, died Wednesday, August 12, with his wife, children and grandchildren present in the Murdoch family home where he was born and lived throughout his lifetime.

He was born in McKinley Township on September 7, 1918, to John Stanley and Ida (Helferich) Murdoch. On January 3, 1942 he married Leatha J. Buschlen at Winsor Evangelical Church, Pigeon. Wes was a faithful, very active lifelong member of Hayes United Methodist Church.



He graduated from Pigeon High School in 1936. He was very instrumental in the consolidation of Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port (Laker) High School and served on the school board for 17 years. He was an avid Laker High School sports fan, and especially enjoyed watching his grandchildren play sports, at both home and away games. Wes also served on the Land Bank Board, and was a member of the Farm Bureau for 47 years. He farmed throughout his lifetime. He was an avid hunter and fisherman and loved to spend time with his family. Surviving are his wife, Leatha, to whom he had been married for 67 years; one son, Orlin (Marty) Murdoch of Bay Port; four daughters, Gloria (John) Stalter of Bay Port, June (Terry) Sturm of Pigeon, Joyce Starkweather of Essexville, and Kathy (Steve) Dubs of Pigeon; 12 grandchildren: Mark (Robyn) Murdoch, Jennifer (Casey) Turner, Tracy Murdoch, Alan (Rhonda) Stalter, Andrew (Michelle) Stalter, Robin Sturm, Kimberly Sturm, Chad (Lisa) Sturm, Scott Starkweather, Kevin Starkweather, Kristin Dubs, and Rebecca (Drew) Gokey; and eight great-grandchildren: Braden & Justin Murdoch, Katie & Jack Turner, Cole & Alexandra Stalter, and Isaac & Adison Sturm. He was preceded in death by a teenage brother, Maurice, and an infant sister, Ruth. The Funeral Service will be conducted at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 15 at Hayes United Methodist Church, Pigeon, with Rev. Doug Mater, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in the Grandlawn Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Hayes United Methodist Church.

VISITATION AT MEYERSIECK-BUSSEMA FUNERAL HOME, PIGEON:

Friday, August 14 1:00 – 9:00 p.m.

AND AT HAYES UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, PIGEON:

Saturday, August 15 10:00 a.m. until service time