

Clayton John "Huntz" Diebel 1921 - 1999

Clayton "Huntz" Diebel age 78, life long Oliver Twp. farmer died Thursday morning, July 8, at his home of a probable heart attack.

He was born February 25, 1921 at the home of his parents, Henry and Viola (Rothfuss) Diebel, on Stein Rd., Oliver Twp. He moved a couple of times but never left Stein Road.

On September 5, 1942 he was united in marriage to Fern M. Kain at the Owendale United Methodist Church. She preceded him in death September 26, 1993.

Mr. Diebel farmed in Oliver Twp. all of his life, retiring in 1988. He had been a charter member of the Huron Soil Conservation Committee for 31 years serving as secretary and trustee. He also served on the state committee as president and secretary. In the sixties and seventies he served on the Huron County Bean Board, ASC committee and was active in the Huron County Fair board meetings.

He was a member of the Elkton United Methodist Church, Elkton Senior Citizens, Order of Eastern Star, Shriners and Royal Arch, a life member and past master of the Hubbard-Winsor Lodge F & AM, Pigeon. Huntz was one of two surviving charter members of the Elkton Lions, where he has had perfect attendance for over 39 years. He was extremely active with all club activities from fair bingo, hauling the float from town to town, breakfasts, raffles and helping with the Care & Share Christmas food boxes.

Surviving are his children, Karen (Orville) Smithers and Ron (Cheri) Diebel all of Elkton, Don Diebel and his special friend, Nancy of Algonac, Audrey Sequin of Lincoln Park, Gary Diebel of Georgia, and Peggy (Hans) Hellwig of Owendale; 12 grand children; 9 great grandchildren; 2 step grandchildren; 5 step great grandchildren; 6 sisters, Mildred Dietzel of Pigeon, Ruth (Ray) Heckroth of Caseville, Arlene Carroll of Port St. John, FL, Annabelle (Dick) Ort of Brighton, Doris (Bill) Webb of Leland and Jean (Bill) Keiser of Northville and 2 brothers, Bud (Jackie) Diebel of Elkton and Gerald (Sharon) Diebel of Owendale.

Preceding him in death were a grandson Troy; his son-in-law, Robert Sequin; a sister, Mary Hale and two brothers, William and Leland Diebel.

Funeral services will be conducted 11:00 AM Monday, July 12, at the Elkton United Methodist Church. Rev. Pete Crawford, pastor will officiate with burial, next to his wife of 51 years, in Riverside Cemetery, Elkton.

Memorials may be directed to Leader Dog, Elkton Civic Center or his church.