

Schuette, Elmer

Elmer William Ernest Schuette, 73, of Pigeon, passed away at his home under hospice care on Sunday afternoon, January 2, 2005, after a long struggle with Parkinsons Disease. Elmer was born October 5, 1931 at the home of his parents, Albert and Mathilda (Schulz) Schuette in Winsor Township near Pigeon. He graduated from Cross Lutheran School and attended Pigeon High School. On July 11, 1964, he was united in marriage to Nancy Taschner at Cross Lutheran Church, Pigeon. She survives him. Elmer was a faithful member of Cross Lutheran Church his entire life. He played dart ball for many years for the Lutheran Church league. He was a dairy farmer until his retirement in 1998. In addition to Nancy, his wife of more than 40 years, he is survived by a daughter, Suzanne Swanson and her husband, Randy, of Ubyly; three sons, Timothy, James, and John, all of Pigeon; two grandchildren, Kassidy and Nicholas Swanson; four sisters, Eunice Richmond, of Bay Port, Gertrude Crump, of Saginaw, Beatrice Marsh and her husband, Willson, of Imlay City, and Alice Bennett and her husband, Gene, of Austin, Texas; a brother, Clare Schuette and his wife, Donna, of Cass City; his mother-in-law, Sally Taschner, of Sebewaing; two sisters-in-law, Pearl Fitzpatrick, of Junction City, Kansas, and Julia Crawford and her husband, Ed, of Jacksonville, Florida; five brothers-in-law, John Taschner and his wife, Peggy, of Sebewaing, Frank Taschner and his wife, Lucy, of Traverse City, Donald Taschner and his wife, Michelle, of Madison, Alabama, Robert Taschner and his wife, Mary, of British Columbia, Canada, and Pete Merchberger, of Barbeau; very special family friends, Barbara Kunding and her family; and many aunts, uncles, nieces, and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Albert and Mathilda Schuette; his step-mother, Frances (Loeffler) Schuette; two brothers-in-law, Fred Richmond and Ben Crump; his father-in-law, Frank Taschner; and a sister-in-law, Maebelle Merchberger. The funeral service will be conducted at 1 p.m. on Thursday, January 6, 2005, at Cross Lutheran Church, Pigeon, with the Rev. Dellis Hudson, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery. Visitation will be from 6:30 to 9 p.m. today and from 2 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday at the funeral home, and from noon until the time of service on Thursday at the church. Memorials for Mr. Schuette may be made to Cross Lutheran Church building fund or United Hospice Service, Marlette.