

# William H. Rathje

1905 - 1967

William Rathje, 62, passed away Tuesday, April 4 at the Hubbard Memorial Hospital at Bad Axe following a short illness.

He was born January 12, 1905 in McKinley Township near Pigeon.

Mr. Rathje is survived by his widow, Mary; five daughters, Mrs. Don (Elinor) Miller, Caseville, Mrs. Norman (Mabel) Clucky, Vassar, Mrs. James (Ardith) Elliott, Flint, Mrs. Steve (Carol) Johnson and Mrs. Ronald (Gail) Fritz, both of Walled Lake; four sons, Kenneth, Saginaw, Mark and William, both of Pigeon and Brian with the U.S. Army at Fort Sill, Oklahoma; also one step-daughter, Miss Betty Welchner, Owendale; two step-sons, Richard Welchner with the U.S. Navy in Maryland, and Carl with the U.S. Army in Germany; one brother, Edward Rathje, Minnesota; two sisters, Mrs. Ernst Fluegge, Elkton, and Mrs. Harold Hocker, Highland Park, and 26 grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Saturday, April 8, at 2:00 p.m. in the St. John's Lutheran Church, Berne. The Rev. Marvin Hanke officiated with burial in the church cemetery.