

## **McDonald, Elwood**

Elwood Mark "Bud" McDonald, 72, of Owendale, passed away Friday morning, September 3, 2004, at Scheurer Hospital in Pigeon after a year-long battle with lung cancer. He was born on a farm in rural Gagetown on December 31, 1931, the youngest son of Richard R. and Anita (Dore) McDonald. He attended Grant No. 1 School, Owendale Community Schools, and graduated in 1951 from Owendale High School. In the summer of 1951, he joined the United States Air Force and was trained as an airplane mechanic at Sheppard Air Force Base. On December 26, 1953, he was united in marriage to his high school sweetheart, Jeannette Marie Faust, at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Linkville. He then served in Korea as a flight engineer on the C-47 cargo plane until his discharge in 1955. He was a salesman for Ordus Ford in Bad Axe for over 20 years until his retirement in 1995. He previously was service manager at Ouvry Chevy-Olds, paint and body tech at Bulen Motors, and salesman at Shoreline Ford. He was a member of the American Legion, Sebewaing Post 293, where he had served as post commander, and most recently, as post chaplain, but resigned due to ill health. For more than 25 years, he was in charge of the cannon salute at Grant Township Cemetery on Memorial Day weekend. Bud loved his county and served it well. Bud was also known for his humor, quick wit, kindness, and love. Upon death, his corneas were donated to the Michigan Eye Bank. He was an active member of St. Paul Lutheran Church, where he was a voting member and served as usher and greeter. He is survived by his wife of over 50 years, Jeannette; a daughter, Dena L. McDonald, of Ferndale; two sons, Darren M. McDonald and his wife, Martina, of Marshall, and Mark A. McDonald and his wife, Carol, of Grand Rapids; three granddaughters, Katie, Becky, and Deltina; a step-grandson, Brandon; a sister, Eleanor Ethier and her husband, Robert, of Milledgeville, Georgia; three brothers, Jack McDonald and Roy McDonald, both of Orlando, Florida, and Allen McDonald and his wife, Marilyn, of Cass City; and many nieces, nephews, in-laws, and friends. He was preceded in death by three infant children, Richard, Kevin, and Angie; two brothers, infant Douglas and L.J. McDonald, D.D.S. The funeral service will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, September 7, 2004, at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Linkville with the Rev. Lee Wenskay, pastor, officiating. Cremation will follow. A scripture service will be at 7:30 p.m. on Monday at the Meyersieck-Bussema Funeral Home, Pigeon. Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. today and 1 to 9 p.m. on Monday at the funeral home, and from 10 a.m. until the time of service at 11 a.m. on Tuesday at the church.