

JAMES BOTKA

1915 - 1988

James Botka, age 72 of Owendale, passed away Thursday, Nov. 3 at Huron Memorial Hospital after a long illness.

Mr. Botka was born on Dec. 11, 1915 in Cleveland, Ohio, son of the late Frank and Mary (Lasinger) Botka, Sr. On Aug. 26, 1950 he was united in marriage to Roza Hajlitusz in Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

He was a retired farmer, having farmed in the Owendale area for over 40 years. He was a member of the Owendale Lions Club and the Hungarian American Aid Society, Vassar.

Mr. Botka is survived by his wife, Roza, Owendale; a daughter, Deborah Tarmey, Ypsilanti; a son and daughter-in-law, Paul and Georgina Botka, Gagetown; three grandchildren; a sister, Mrs. William (Christine) Cole, Holiday, Fla.; two sisters-in-law, Mrs. Gizella Hoffman and Mrs. David (Julie) Kocsis and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Adam and Frank, Jr.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, Nov. 6 at 3 p.m. at the Shetler-Bussema Funeral Home, Pigeon. Rev. Fr. Ben Skornia, pastor of St. Francis Borgia Catholic Church, Pigeon, officiated with burial in the Grant Twp. Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made in his memory to the Leader Dogs for the Blind or the American Lung Association.