

NIJAY SPRAGUE

1900 - 1983

Nijay Sprague, 82, Bay Port, passed away Monday, June 27 at the Huron County Medical Care Facility, near Bad Axe, after a long illness.

He was born Sept. 20, 1900 in Bay Port.

Nijay Sprague married Miss Ethel Lintner, who preceded him in death in 1958.

He married Mabel DeLena Harder on Sept. 26, 1959 at St. John's Lutheran Church, Berne.

He was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, Berne, and was employed for 62 years at the Bay Port Fish Company, retiring in 1977.

Surviving are his wife, Mabel, Bay Port; five sons, Russel Sprague, Harold Sprague and Robert Sprague, all of Bay Port; Edwin Sprague, Essexville and Gilbert Sprague, Owendale; two daughters, Mrs. Clifford (Mary) Turmell, Bay City and Mrs. Robert (Delores) Mickelson, Bay Port; three stepsons, Weaverdale Harder, Florida, George Harder, Bay Port and Samson Harder, Sebewaing; four stepdaughters, Mrs. Bernard (Iola) Kreh, Caro, Mrs. Susanne VanDeVoort and Mrs. Roxanna Grigg, both of Bay Port, and Mrs. Burma Gettel, Sebewaing; 23 grandchildren; 22 step-grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; six step-great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

One stepson, Simeon Harder, preceded him in death.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday, June 30 by the Rev. Philip Press, pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, Berne, with burial in the New Bay Port Cemetery, Bay Port.

Memorials may be made to St. John's Lutheran Church, Berne.