



**Joseph J. Maust**, 72 of Pigeon, passed away unexpectedly in Laredo, Texas on Thursday, April 30, 2015.

Joe was the son of Joseph and Emma L. (Fisher) Maust, and was born in Pigeon on February 28, 1943. He graduated with the first Laker High School class in 1961 and attended two years at Goshen College. On October 2, 1965 he was united in marriage to Diane F. Ruby at the Michigan Avenue Mennonite Church, Pigeon, and they had been married nearly 50 years.

Joe was a pioneer with Active Feed Company, expanding the egg production business and the feed mill, and reintroducing the propane business for the company. Joe, along with his father and siblings, purchased the majority interest in Akron State Bank, which later became Community Bank.

Joe was a member and former officer in the Pigeon Rotary as well as a four-time Paul Harris Fellow. He was an organizing member and pilot with Wings of Mercy for more than 20 years. Joe was a Midwest Food Association member and former officer, a member of the United Egg Producers, and member and former board member of the Michigan Allied Poultry Association. He was a former board member of Bay Port State Bank, Akron State Bank, Community Bank, Northstar Bank, and Scheurer Hospital. Joe was also an active member of the Huron County Economic Development Commission. Joe was a member of Scenic Golf & Country Club and the Huron Yacht Club, also serving on the board.

He enjoyed flying, sailing, traveling, golf, skiing, and professional and collegiate sports. He dearly loved his family, his granddaughter Brooklyn and being her Papa.

Joe was a faithful member of Michigan Avenue Mennonite Church where he served as elder, usher, worship leader, conference delegate, trustee, youth leader, and church council member.

He is survived by his wife, Diane of Pigeon; children, Joseph Scott (Kristen Volrich and her daughters, Brittany and Taylor) Maust of Pigeon, Renee (John) Read of South Lyon, and Tiffany (Chris) Jackson of Pigeon; granddaughter, Brooklyn Jo Jackson; sister, Myra Gerstenschlager of Pigeon; brother, Doug (Marilyn) Maust of Pigeon; mother-in-law, Helen M. Ruby of Pigeon; in-laws, Dee and Denny Esch of Pigeon; and several nieces, nephews, uncles, aunts and many cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents, Joe and Emma Maust; father-in-law, Joe Ruby; and brother-in-law, Lloyd Gerstenschlager. The Funeral Service will be conducted at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 6, 2015 at the Michigan Avenue Mennonite Church, Pigeon, with Rev. Scot Wilson, pastor, officiating. Burial will follow at the church cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Wings of Mercy, Michigan Avenue Mennonite Church, or [charity of donor's choice](#).

VISITATION AT MEYERSIECK-BUSSEMA FUNERAL HOME, PIGEON:

Tuesday, May 5 1 - 8 p.m.

AND AT MICHIGAN AVENUE MENNONITE CHURCH:

Wednesday, May 6 10 a.m. until service at 11 a.m.