REV. HAROLD F. BLAKELY, 83 of Sebewaing, passed away Thursday, Nov. 19, 1998, at Scheurer Hospital, Pigeon, following a lengthy illness.

He was born March 2, 1915, in Williamstown, MI, son of the late Norman and Lera (Foght) Blakely.

He and Lucille Nicholson were married Feb. 2, 1941, in Wauseon, OH.

Rev. Blakely graduated from Kalamazoo College in 1941 and was ordained as a minister. He served his Lord faithfully as a United Brethren and then United Methodist pastor in churches in Ogden-Jasper, Chase, Burnside-Flynn, Kilmanagh and Hillman-Spratt from 1941-1981. He touched the lives of many people with kind, gentle manner and wonderful sense of humor.

He was a member of Kilmanagh United Methodist Church, was a former Rotarian, past member of Farm Bureau and had been a youth director at Bay Shore Camp and he loved sports.

Survivors include his wife; four daughters, Judy (Fritz) Faber, St. Charles; Karen Blakely, Kilmanagh; Nancy (Glen) Spencer, Marlette; Joan (Craig) Douglas, Carrollton; one son, Jerry Blakely, Owendale; 14 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; one sister, Hazel Boss, Kalamazoo; one brother, Hale and wife, Betty Blakely, McFarland, WI; two sisters-in-law, Joy Blakely, Lake Odessa and Madonna Blakely, Lansing and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Herbert and Clare Blakely and one brother-in-law, Henry Boss.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, Nov. 23 at Kilmanagh United Methodist Church with Rev. Clarence Vanconant and Supt. of the Port Huron District Rev. Marvin McCallum, officiated with burial in Memorial Park Cemetery, Sebewaing.

Arrangements were handled by the Dinkel-Juengel Funeral Home of Sebewaing.

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimers Foundation, Bay Shore Camp