

James Arthur Schumacher, age 81, passed away Wednesday, July 13, 2016 at home in Pigeon.

Born in Pigeon on November 7, 1934, he was the son of Arthur J. and Mildred (Burke) Schumacher. A polio survivor, Jim was stricken at age 17 and completed his education while home-schooled from Pigeon High School. He graduated with the Class of 1953. On October 11, 1958, he was united in marriage with Janet L. Buchholz at Cross Lutheran Church, Pigeon.

After high school he attended Central Michigan University, the University of Wisconsin School of Banking, and the University of Michigan School of Banking. He began his banking career in the mid-1950's at Pigeon State Bank, and retired from Thumb National Bank as president in 1986.

Jim was a former member of the Pigeon Lions Club, and was an active member of Cross Lutheran Church in Pigeon where he served on the church council for many years.

He was known to have a quick wit with a keen sense of humor. He loved his family, summers in the backyard pool, and traveling to Disney World. He enjoyed traveling and adventure.

He is survived by his wife, Janet; daughter Maria Lynn Schumacher of Holly and her fiancé Bruce Fitzgerald; sister-in-law Judith (Tony) Bayer of Ontario; brother-in-law Fred Taylor of Massachusetts; several nieces and nephews; and a grand-niece.

Visitation at Cross Lutheran Church, Pigeon, will begin at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, July 16, 2016. The funeral service will follow at 11:00 a.m. with Rev. Timothy Loehrke, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Cross Lutheran Church or charity of donor's choice.

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