

Norris E. Diebel

Norris E. Diebel, 78, of Sebewaing and formerly of Pigeon, passed away Saturday, March 29, 2008 at Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital.

He was born Feb. 10, 1930 in Pigeon, and was the son of the late Frank J. and Alice C. (Ebaugh) Diebel. Norris graduated from Pigeon High School in 1947. He then served as a Staff Sergeant during the Korean Conflict with the U.S. Air Force from 1948-1953, and was a member and past Master of the V.F.W.

Pigeon Post 2236. He completed X-ray training at Saginaw General Hospital in 1964, and was employed as radiologic technologist at Scheurer Hospital in Pigeon for 36 years, retiring in 1994. He was a member of the American Society of Radiological Technologists. Norris served on the Pigeon Village Council from 1972-1986, and was President from 1975-1986. He attended Trinity United Methodist Church in Sebewaing.

Norris was united in marriage to Donna J. Hanniman in Pigeon on April 15, 1972, and she preceded him in death March 25, 2007. He is survived by their children, Bonnie Lynn (Kenneth) Moore of Millington, Deborah (Daniel) Powell of Calverton, Va., Rebecca (Murray) Swanson of Rocky Ridge, Md., Jillian Diebel of Burlington, Wis., Becca Diebel of Trenton, Tenn., Beth (Dan) Walz of Sebewaing, Kathy (David) Ignash of Pigeon, and Deborah Leitch and Denny of Pigeon. He also is survived by 23 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; two sisters, Mary M. (Robert) Dast of Pigeon, and Florence (Gerald) Decker of Bay City; a brother, Thaddeus (Juanita) Diebel of Hesperia; a brother-in-law, Maurice Joos of Cass City; a sister-in-law, Edna Diebel of Pigeon; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by three infant children; a son, Henry W. Leitch; two sisters, Louise Deming and Frances Joos; and two brothers, William and Clayton.

A memorial service will take place at 1 p.m. Friday, April 4, 2008 at the Meyersieck-Bussema Funeral Home, Pigeon, with the Rev. William Wright, pastor of Trinity United Methodist Church, officiating. Cremation has taken place at Sunset Valley Crematory in Bay City and inurnment will be in Grandlawn Cemetery, Pigeon.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. until the time of service at 1 p.m. Friday

Memorials may be made to Scheurer Hospital or Trinity United Methodist Church.