

Oesch, John H.



John H. "Pinky" Oesch, age 78 of Pigeon, passed away at home on Sunday, December 2 while under the care of Heartland Hospice.

Born in Pigeon on August 12, 1929, he was the son of the late John and Mabel O. (Eichler) Oesch, and graduated as Valedictorian in 1947 from Pigeon High School. On October 14, 1950, he was united in marriage to Elna M. Schulze at St. John's Lutheran Church, Berne. Immediately out of high school Pinky went to work for J.E. Paul Motor Sales and worked as parts manager for many years. In the early 1950's, he operated the Sinclair gas station in Pigeon along with his father, when he established the Oesch Shoe Store in 1961, and

owned and operated it until 1979. From 1979–1992 he worked at McCormick Motors in Pigeon.

In his younger years he coached little league, and he was also instrumental with the establishment of the Pigeon area Hockey League in the late 50's. He enjoyed hunting and fishing, and especially enjoyed the family Canadian fishing trips. He built his own home.

He was an active member of St. John's Lutheran Church, Berne, where he had been church treasurer as well as trustee.

In addition to his wife, Elna, to whom he had been married for 57 years, he is survived by six children:

Timothy (Juanita) Oesch of Lapeer, Cindy (Mark) Dean of Cape Coral, Florida, Becky (Mark) Schmiedeknecht of Vacaville, California, Thomas Oesch of West Branch, Michael (Becky) Oesch of Arlington, Washington, and Patricia (Andy) Cole of St. Louis; nine grandchildren: Philip Dean, Michael Dean, Alex Schmiedeknecht, Becky Oesch, Matt Oesch, Benjamin Oesch, Jacob Oesch, Cara Cole, and Tricia Cole; a sister, Jean (Charles) Hawkins of Dearborn Heights; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a baby daughter, Donna and sister, Shirley Schulze.

The Funeral Service will be conducted at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 6 at St. John's Lutheran Church, with Rev. James A. Gorseger, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

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

VISITATION AT MEYERSIECK-BUSSEMA FUNERAL HOME, PIGEON:

Tuesday 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday 1:00 – 8:00 p.m.

AND AT ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH:

Thursday 10:00 a.m.