

**Koch, Harold E.**

Harold E. Koch, 75, of Gagetown, passed away Monday morning, December 26, 2005, at his residence. He was born in Grant Township on August 16, 1930, a son of Herman J. and Erma (Sting) Koch, and remained a lifelong resident. On January 1, 1954, he married Hilda Meyer in Bach. Harold had retired from American Hoist and Derrick Company in 1985 after 30 years of service. He had also been a truck driver with Terra International, of Fairgrove, was a farmer and he enjoyed hunting, fishing, and woodworking. He was also an excellent wine maker. Surviving along with Hilda, his loving wife of 51 years; are his son, Raymond and his wife, Diana, of Gagetown; daughter, Janet Tuin and her husband, Craig, of Freeland; four grandchildren, Ariana and Hope Tuin, and Rayana Koch and Gary Adams; a brother, Franklin (Betty) Koch; and sister-in-law, Selma Koch. A brother, Nelson Koch, is deceased. The funeral service will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Thursday, December 29, 2005, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City, with the Rev. Gerald Myers officiating. Interment will be in St. Peter Cemetery, Bach. Visitation will be from 3 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday at Gagetown Funeral Chapel and from 10 a.m. until the time of the service on Thursday at the church. The family has suggested memorials to the Good Shepherd Church organ fund or the Lutheran Women's Missionary League.