

JOHN WHELIHAN

1900 - 1988

John J. Whelihan, age 88 of Pigeon, passed away Tuesday, Aug. 2, 1988 at his home after a short illness.

He was born July 30, 1900 in Hume Township, son of the late James and Anne (Walsh) Whelihan.

He was united in marriage to Lois Tuskey on Nov. 29, 1922 at St. Agnes Catholic Church, Detroit. She preceded him in death on July 11, 1967.

Mr. Whelihan farmed in the Pinnebog, Elkton and Pigeon areas for many years, retiring from farming in 1962. He moved to Pigeon where he became the caretaker of St. Francis Borgia Catholic Church, Pigeon for 22 years, retiring in 1984. He was a member of St. Francis Borgia Catholic Church and a charter member of the Knights of Columbus Council 8042, Pigeon-Caseville. He delivered Meals-on-Wheels until his recent illness.

Surviving are three sons, James Whelihan, Filion, John Whelihan, Santa Clara, Calif. and Donald Whelihan, Splendor, Tex.; one daughter, Mrs. William (Joyce) Chapdelaine, Paonia, Colo.; 19 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Jean Whelihan; two brothers, Tom Whelihan and Jim Whelihan and two sisters, Mae McElwee and Gertrude Mullen.

Funeral services were conducted on Friday, Aug. 5 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Francis Borgia Catholic Church. The Rev. Ben Skornia, pastor, officiated with burial in St. Felix Catholic Cemetery, Pinnebog.

A Knights of Columbus rosary was offered at the Elkton chapel of Champagne Funeral Chapels.

Memorials may be made to St. Mary's Cancer Center or the American Cancer Society.