

# WILLIAM JOHN BALLAGH

## 1912 - 1998

William "Bill" Ballagh age 85 of Gotts Corner near Caseville died Sunday morning, February 1, at his home.

He was born October 12, 1912 in Sanilac County near Cass City, to the late John and Maude (McIllmurray) Ballagh.

Bill attended the Popple School and moved to Lake Twp. in his teens where he began farming. There he met Mildred McBride; they were married May 20, 1939 at the Presbyterian Manse in Kinde. He continued farming in Lake and Chandler Townships until retiring in 1981.

He was a member and former elder of the Chandler Presbyterian Church, member of the Rush Lake Farm Bureau, past president and director of the Elkton Petroleum Co-op, past board member of the Elkton Co-op Elevator and was named in Who's Who in Michigan in 1974. His family was his life.

Surviving are his wife Mildred; four children, Marilyn (Gary) Gascho of Chula, GA, William (Janet) Ballagh Jr. of New Lothrop, Sally (Tony) Lopez of Holt and Mary (Fred) Grunert of Three Rivers; nine grandchildren, John Gascho and Laura (Mark) Provost of GA, William III (Annette) Ballagh of Stockbridge, Lisa (Corey) Clothier of Whitmore Lake, Andrew (Amber) Ballagh of NV, Sonya and Chris Lopez of Holt and Dana and Fred Grunert of Three Rivers; five great grandchildren, John Gascho, Kelli, Kaitlin and Cole Clothier, Amanda and William IV Ballagh; a brother, Morgan (Lorene) Ballagh and two sisters, Eva Blaylock of Bad Axe and Gladys Wallace of Kingston.

Two sisters, Edith Ballagh and Marguerite Thompson and two brothers, Ralph and Russell preceded him in death.

Funeral services will be conducted 11:00 AM Wednesday, February 4, at the Chandler Presbyterian Church. Rev. Matthew Arneson, Pastor will officiate with burial in Colfax Twp. Cemetery.

Memorials to Chandler Presbyterian Church  
*Champagne Funeral Chapel., Elkton*