

Fred J. Ebel

1906 - 1996

Fred J. Ebel, age 90 of Owendale, passed away Tuesday, July 30 at Scheurer Hospital in Pigeon.

He was born in Weismiller, Germany on February 7, 1906, the son of the late Frederick J. and Anna (Gable) Ebel. In 1928 he was united in marriage to Lydia Schafer in Saginaw. She preceded him in death in January, 1970. He was united in marriage to Clara L. Loree Ricker at Hope Lutheran Church in Bradenton, Florida on January 31, 1978. She survives him.

Mr. Ebel worked as an electrician for 29 years at Buick in Flint, until his retirement in August, 1969. He was a member of the U.A.W. Buick Local 599, Flint.

He enjoyed the outdoors, and was an avid fisherman, both in Michigan and while wintering in Florida at Colony Cove Trailer Park in Ellenton. He also enjoyed gardening and hard work.

Mr. Ebel attended the Owendale United Methodist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Clara; a daughter, Jeanette (Robert) Gordon, Westerville, Ohio; five sons, Donald (Mary) Ebel, Burton, George (Norah) Ebel, Homestead, Florida, Ted (Helen) Ebel, Burton, Fred (Wanda) Ebel, Greenville, Tennessee, and David (Jeannie) Ebel, Poplarville, Mississippi; 20 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; a son-in-law, Gene Couch, Burton; two sisters, Frieda Szczesniak and Mary Smith, both of Bay City; five brothers, Jack, Edward, and Norman (Eleanor) Ebel, all of Bay City, Ben Ebel, Florida, and Dan Ebel, Birmingham; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by two daughters, Lorraine Couch and Dorothy Smith.

Funeral Services will be conducted at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, August 2 from the Meyersieck-Bussema Funeral Home, Pigeon. Rev. Carol M. Blair, pastor of Owendale United Methodist Church, will officiate. Burial will be in Flint Memorial Park Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Owendale United Methodist Church or to the organization of the donor's choice.