

# **EARL T. RETFORD**

**1897-1991**

Earl Thomas Retford, 93 of Owendale, passed away Monday, Feb. 18, at Bay Medical Center, Bay City, following an eight-month illness.

Mr. Retford was born Sept. 8, 1897, in Northport, the son of Joseph Thomas and Anna (Gill) Retford.

He was married to Eva Draschil in Highland Park on Aug. 20, 1921, and she preceded him in death on Dec. 15, 1972. Mr. Retford had been a farmer in the Owendale Area for many years.

He was a member of Cass City Tyler Lodge #317, F.&A.M., the Farm Bureau and he was supervisor for Brookfield Township for 6 years. He was a member of Golden Age Clubs of Bay City and Bad Axe, where he was a square dance caller for several years. Mr. Retford attended Owendale United Methodist Church.

Surviving are one daughter, Audrey Retford of Holly, four sons, Earl Retford of Naples, ID, Roger of Oxford, Tom of Cincinnati, OH, and William of Owendale. He also leaves 13 grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, one sister, Beulah Carlson of Vero Beach, FL, a special friend, Rose Golding of Bad Axe, and several nieces and nephews.

One sister, Goldie Steele, and two brothers, Everett and Basil Retford, preceded, him in death.

Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon in Owendale United Methodist Church. Rev. William Dunstan, interim pastor, officiated and burial was in Grant Township Cemetery, Gageton. Dinkel-Juengel Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Friends wishing to offer memorials are invited to consider Scheurer Hospital of Pigeon or Owendale United Methodist Church.