

### **Avers, Albert H.**

Albert "Al" Avers, 94, formerly of Woodville, Ohio, passed away on Sunday evening, January 23, 2005, at Otterbein-Portage Valley Retirement Village, Pemberville, Ohio, where he had been a resident. He was born in Gibsonburg, Ohio on May 7, 1910 to Theodore and Louise (Lohrbach) Avers. Al married Anna H. Smearsoll on June 14, 1934 in Pemberville, Ohio. She preceded him in death on September 18, 2004. Al was a district representative for Aid Association for Lutherans, now Thrivent, in Appleton, Wisconsin as well working in sales and service for Ohio Sealed Storage in Marysville, Ohio and Standard Oil Company in Toledo, Hicksville, and Woodville, Ohio. Al was also a partner with Pem-Wood Fords Sales in Pemberville, Ohio. He was a member of Solomon Lutheran Church, Woodville, Ohio, where he was elected and served three terms as church trustee, spent 13 years helping with counting money at church, served one term as president and vice president of the Men of the Church. Al also served on the studying and planning committee of the building program of the church, choir member, former Sunday School Superintendent, served three full terms on Woodville City Council, 50 year charter member of Woodville Civic Club, and enjoyed boating, fishing, gardening and woodworking in his spare time. Surviving Al are sons, Robert Avers and his wife, Joyce, of Pickerington, Ohio, Paul Avers, of St. Paris, Ohio; daughters, Marilyn Buchholz and her husband, Gerald, of Harbor Beach, Shirley McKinniss and her husband, Douglas, of Findlay, Ohio; 11 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; sister, Anna Smearsoll and her husband, Paul, of Pemberville, Ohio; and brother, Henry Avers and his wife, Eleanor, of Woodville, Ohio. He was preceded in death by his wife, Anna; parents; grandson, Theodore Avers; brothers, Walter Avers and Richard Avers. Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Friday, January 28, 2005, from Solomon Lutheran Church, Woodville, Ohio. Officiating will be the Rev. William J. Duty and Cindy Getzinger. Interment will be in Union Cemetery, Elmore, Ohio. Visitation will be conducted from 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. on Thursday at the Marsh Funeral Home, 201 West Main Street, Woodville, Ohio. There will be additional visitation from 10 a.m. until time of service on Friday at the church. A memorial contribution may be made to Solomon Lutheran School or Solomon Lutheran School Endowment Fund. Online condolences may be sent to [www.marshfuneralhomes.com](http://www.marshfuneralhomes.com).