

Carl Duane Blacker, age 74, passed away Thursday, September 23, 2011 at Covenant Cooper Health System in Saginaw.

He was born June 13, 1937 in Oakland County to the late Fredric E. and Ruby (Leach) Blacker. He was united in marriage to Jean C. Jahn on October 2, 1954.

Carl was a member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church for over 30 years before retiring and moving to Luzerne, Michigan and transferred to Living Waters Lutheran Church in Mio, Michigan, eight years ago. He delivered milk in the thumb area for 33 years. He enjoyed hunting small game and deer, fishing for pan fish and bass, and visited 46 of the 50 U.S. states.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Jean; four children, Daniel Carl (Ardith) Blacker of Port Hope, MI., David John (Kathleen) Blacker of Sterling Heights, MI., and Edwin Gustov (Karla) Blacker of Sevierville, TN.; one daughter, Denise Ruby (Victor) Odigie of Auburn Hills, Mi.; ten grandchildren, Jerrid (Sarah) Blacker, Robin (Peter) Zajicek, Irene Odigie, Enomhen (Peter Mahnken) Odigie, Victoria Odigie, Jennifer Blacker, Matthew Blacker, Adam Blacker, Brandie (Michael) Hawkins and Erica Blacker; five great-grandchildren, Bethany Woodward, Justin Hill, Johanna Anderson, Jordan Blacker and Jocelyn Hawkins. He is also survived by his best friend, Charles J. (Patricia) Hesel of Luzerne, MI.

Carl was preceded in death by his brothers, Lester M. (Marlene) Blacker, Infant Leslie Blacker, Fredric Blacker, John (Helen and Mary) Blacker.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, October 1, 2011 at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 5098 Dwight St. Kinde, Mi. and again at 2 p.m. on Saturday, October 15, 2011 at Living Waters Lutheran Church, 207 E. 4th St. Mio, MI 48647.

Memorials may be offered to the Hospital Hospitality House of Saginaw, 1701 North Michigan Ave. Saginaw, MI 48602, the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation or the American Diabetes Association. Arrangements are being handled by the MacAlpine Funeral Home, Bad Axe, MI. macalpinefuneralhome.com