

Koch, Howard

Howard F. Koch, 76, died on Saturday, March 16, 2002, with his family present following a lengthy illness. He was born on May 17, 1925, in Sebewaing Township, son of the late Frank and Della (Beitz) Koch. He was united in marriage to Helen Leonhardt on May 12, 1951, in Sebewaing. Howard was a farmer in the Sebewaing area for many years before retiring nine years ago. He was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Sebewaing. He enjoyed flying his own airplane and was an avid hunter and fisherman. Surviving are his wife, Helen, of Sebewaing; four daughters, Linda Haberlein and her husband, Michael, of Beverly Hills, Mi., Julie Cojeen and her husband, Douglas, of Essexville, Janet Gorney and her husband, Jeff, of Toledo, Ohio and Pamela Wagner and her husband, Christopher, of Fairgrove; two sons, Thomas Koch and his wife, Kristine and Donald Koch and his wife, Ann, all of Sebewaing; 15 grandchildren; two sisters, Francis Reinhold of Sebewaing and Marjorie Liken of Bay City; several nieces and nephews. The funeral service will take place at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, March 19, 2002, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Sebewaing. The Rev. Charles Kuhl will officiate with burial in the church cemetery. Visitation will be from 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. today and from 10 a.m. until the time of the service Tuesday. Memorials may be given to the United Hospice of Marlette or the American Cancer Society.