



Arps Walter

December 19, 2007

Walter A. Arps, 90, of Napoleon, Ohio died Wednesday afternoon, December 19th, 2007 at the Henry County Hospital in Napoleon, Ohio. He was born on July 21st, 1917 in Hamler, Ohio to the late Henry F. & Emma (Rohrs) Arps. On June 1st, 1940 he married Hertha (Panning) Arps at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Napoleon, who preceded him in 1997. On August 14, 1999 he married Julia (Rabe) Meyer-Arps, who survives. Walter was a lifetime farmer. He was a member of Emanuel Lutheran Church in Napoleon. He was a former member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Okolona, where he served as former Deacon, Elder, and cemetery committeeman. He is also survived by 2 sons, Larry Arps of New Haven, Indiana, Kenneth (Pam) Arps of Celina, Ohio; 2 daughters, Lois (Steve) Pifer of Savannah, Georgia, Kathy (Bart) Rittenhouse of Defiance, Ohio; 1 step son, Lavern (Mary) Meyer of Liberty Center, Ohio; 10 grandchildren; 15 great grandchildren; 4 step grandchildren; 4 step great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his first wife; infant daughter, Nancy Jean Arps; step daughter, Joyce Pullen of Westland, Michigan; grandson, James Gordon Arps; 2 brothers, Arnold & Ferd Arps; sisters, Edna Arps, Martha Knapp, Margaret Wendt, & Helen Overly. Funeral services will be held at 11am on Saturday at the Emanuel Lutheran Church in Napoleon with Pastor James Castello officiating. Interment will follow at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church Cemetery of Okolona, Ohio. Visitation will be held from 2-4 & 6-8pm on Friday at the Rodenberger Funeral Home in Napoleon and 1 hr prior the services at the church on Saturday. The family suggests memorials to the

Lutheran Home, Alpine Village, or charity of the donors choice.