



Benjamin Hemmerling

October 10, 1923 - October 11, 2016

Benjamin Hemmerling, age 93, passed away Tuesday, October 11, 2016 at his home in Smiths Creek. Ben was born in Volhynia, Poland (today's Ukraine) on October 10, 1923. His parents were Adolf and Olga Hemmerling, and he was the oldest of four children. The family had to immigrate to East Germany in 1940 where they lived until 1945 when they had to flee to Flettmar, Kreis Gifforn in West Germany.

Ben enlisted in the German Army in 1940 at the age of 17 and a half and was captured by American forces in Normandy in 1943. He was held as a prisoner of war for two years (1 year in Nebraska and 1 year in Colorado Springs). He was returned to Germany and met his future wife, Irmgard. They married in May of 1948. Ben worked at the VW plant in Wolfsburg. Their first son, Hartmut, was born in 1949 and daughter, Ursula, in 1951.

The family immigrated to the United States in September 1956. They were sponsored by World Church Service and lived in Maryland for a short time. They then moved to Detroit in 1957 and attended Connors Baptist Church. Their third child, Harry, was born in 1958. They bought a house in St. Clair Shores in November 1958. Their fourth child, Mark, was born in 1965. Ben worked at Gentz Industries from 1961 to April of 1992.

Ben and Irmgard moved out to the country to Smiths Creek in April 1987. Ben loved his five acres of land and planted many trees, raised chickens, and enjoyed beekeeping Irmgard. Ben faithfully attended church with his family his entire life. He always loved to sing and was very active in the male and mixed

choirs and sang in many duets and quartets for over 70 years.

He was a loving and faithful husband and father. He is survived by his wife Irmgard (to whom he was married 68 years); His brother Ed (married to Nadeen); his sister Martha (married to Matt); his children Harty (married to Marlene), Ursula (married to Bob) Harry, and Mark; His grandchildren Jennifer (married to Dave), Andrew, Benjamin, Samuel and Hannah; and his great-grandchildren Brett, Owen, Levi. Ben left us all a wonderful legacy of his faith and Devotion to God.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **13**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wasik Funeral Home, Shelby Township
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Shelby Township, MI 48315
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Instate at Church

OCT **14**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Hope Community Baptist Church
42259 Hayes Rd.
Sterling Heights, MI 48313
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Funeral Service

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