

The Rev. Elwyn R. Smith, 81

The Rev. Elwyn R. Smith, 81, of East Jordan, died Tuesday, Jan. 19, 1999, at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey.

Funeral service will be 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, at the Free Methodist Church in Boyne City. The Rev. Lane Eddy will officiate. Interment will be in Sunset Hill Cemetery, East Jordan.

Elwyn was born Oct. 4, 1917, in Laing, Mich., the son of Lewis and Sarah Ellen (Maskell) Smith.

He served in the U.S. Army 1298th Engineer Combat Battalion during World War II in the Pacific Theatre and was part of the occupation force in Nagasaki, Japan.

On Sept. 8, 1944, he married Rosemary Sheridan in Flint.

In 1951, Elwyn graduated from Marion College, now known as Indiana Wesleyan University in Marion, Ind.

He was a member of the North Michigan Conference of the Free Methodist Church, where he served various pastorates, and a member of the Northern Michigan Holiness Association. He also served on the Twin Valley and East Jordan school

boards of education.

He enjoyed carpentry and masonry, construction and farming.

Elwyn is survived by his wife, Rosemary Smith, of East Jordan; five children, Rosalie (Allen) Slagle of Ellsworth, Arlee (Elaine) Smith of Albuquerque, N.M., Eugene (Judy) Smith of Niles, Leslie (Sue) Smith of Junction City, Wis., and Sarah (Steve) Maier of Petoskey; 19 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; two sisters, Rowena Euler of Flint, and Ada Carley of Flint; two brothers, Bernard (Ardith) Smith of Florida, and Meryn (Mary Lou) Smith of Snover; and sister-in-law, Esther Smith, of Sandusky. He was preceded in death by his parents; one granddaughter, Emilie Smith, in 1982; and one brother, Everett Smith.

The family will receive friends from 6-9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22, at the Paullin-Penzien Funeral Home in East Jordan; and from 10 a.m. until the time of service on Saturday, Jan. 23, at the church.

Memorial contributions may be given to Northern Michigan Holiness Association.