

# GEIGER, Ernest

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Ernest August Geiger, 91 of Belding, passed away at his home Monday evening, October 10, 2005. Ernest was born on November 25, 1913 in Belding, the son of Carl F. and Mary Agnes Krupp Geiger. Ernest served in the US Navy/Seabees during World War II. He also worked construction in his earlier years. Some of his past jobs included construction of the Ford Rotunda, Detroit, grains mills at Hillsdale, King Milling, Lowell, and Frankenmuth, construction of the Dow Chemical Company in Midland, the Belding Post Office, and the barracks at Fort Custer. In 1940-41 he worked at Flint Chevrolet for changeover to make airplanes for the US Air Force at the beginning of World War II. Ernest was married to Evelyn Sparks on July 1, 1939 in Keene Township, Ionia County, Michigan. In 1944 they started their dairy, orchard and crop farming operation near Smyrna, Michigan. He was a member of the Friendship Club, Farmers Club of Smyrna, The German-American Club, The Good Fellowship Club, and the Belding Museum. Ernest was preceded by his parents, three sisters, Lauretta Borek, Esther Pierce, Valeria (Babe) Randall, and five brothers, John Geiger, Karl F. Geiger, George Geiger, and Paul Geiger. He is survived by his wife Evelyn Sparks Geiger, also by his children, Sharon and Terry Webb, Glenn and Marcia Geiger, and Susan Hessler Geiger, and special nephew and niece Robert Sparks and Gayla Sparks Haines, his grandchildren, Rebecca and Rich Tokarchick, Sarah and Chris Galieta, Ralph E. Brecken, and fiancée Lauri DeVries, Rachel and Todd Phillips, Lynn and Aaron Wester, Erin and Dave Nostandt, Ryan and Mindy Webb, and Rudy and Darcy Webb, his nine very special great grandchildren, Brittany and Tyler Tokarchick, Abigail and Madelyn Wester, Brayton Phillips, Caleb, Trenton and Owen and Reilly Webb, his sister, Nora Rich, and brother Raymond L. Geiger, brother-in law and sister-in laws Stephen and Ila Sparks and Pauline Sparks, and several great nieces and nephews, special friends, Carl and Julia Rasch, and many friends and neighbors. Funeral Services will be 1:00pm Thursday at Johnson Feuerstein Funeral Home, Belding. Visitation will be Wednesday 2-4 and 6-8 at the funeral home. Memorial Contributions may be given to Smyrna Social Club, West Michigan Parkinson's Association, or the Belding Museum. Condolences may also be given to the family by the internet at [www.jffh.com](http://www.jffh.com)