

July 20, 2009

## The Life of Everett Hofer

- The funeral for Everett Hofer, 92, Bath, will be held Tuesday, July 21, 2009, at 2 p.m., at the United Methodist Church, Groton. The Rev. Rob Moorlach will officiate. Burial will follow in Groton Union Cemetery.

- Everett died Saturday, July 18, 2009 at Aberdeen Health & Rehab.

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- Everett was active through the years in the Bath community as a school board member and township treasurer. He was a life long member of the Christian Science Church in Aberdeen and a 60 year member of the Masons.

- Besides farming, he maintained a TV repair and sales business for many years. He had a real talent for problem solving and an aptitude for electronics. He had one of the first tv's in the area and then the first color TV. In later years he would construct his own satellite dish. Just a few years ago, he was doing email and TiVo on his Direct TV access. Besides his interest in all things technical and electronic, he loved to read newspapers and keep current on national and world affairs.

- Everett is survived by Marjorie, his wife of over 71 years, and by his three children, Sharon (Larry) Wheeting, Edward (Margaret) Hofer and Patricia Hofer (Ted Corley). He is also survived by five of his six grandchildren; Cheryl (Randy) Walker, John (Christine) Wheeting, Lauri (Dan) O'Hara, Lisa (Tony) Burns and Eric (DeAnn) Hofer. Also surviving Everett are 16 great-grandchildren, two step great-grandchildren, 6 great-great-grandchildren and two step great-great-grandchildren. Everett was preceded in death by his parents and oldest granddaughter, Teri Wheeting Sharp.

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