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## Leigh Davis Dies at 56

Had Been in Auto Sales From The Earliest Days of Motor Cars

Leigh Davis, 56, of 459 N. Main st., died of a heart ailment Saturday afternoon at the Hayes-Green-Beach hospital after a year's illness, although an hospital patient, the last time, for only four days. A resident of Charlotte for 16 years, he was an automobile and farm implement dealer. Surviving are three sons, Roger, Robert and Richard, and a daughter, Mrs. Robert Paton, of Charlotte, and a sister, Mrs. Clifford Wilmore, of Chester township. The funeral was held at 2 p. m. Monday at the Pray funeral home. Rev. Oral Dugworth of the First Baptist church officiated. Burial was in Maple Hill cemetery.

## SERVICES HELD MONDAY FOR GUY L. ROGERS

Funeral services were held Monday from the Pickers funeral home for Guy L. Rogers 79, a retired farmer living on R. 1 Woodland. Mr. Rogers died Friday afternoon at Pennox hospital where he had been a patient for five days.

Mr. Rogers was born July 28, 1878, in Ohio, the son of John and Lydia Rogers and moved to his present farm home at the age of eight.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Carl Walker of Sunfield; two sons, Ray and Clifford both of Lake Odessa; two sisters, Mrs. Fred Bulling of Lake Odessa and Mrs. David Hiscutt of Hastings; a brother John of Lake Odessa; nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Interment was in the Woodland Memorial cemetery.

LILLY—Cecil E. Lilly, aged 57, of 707 Byers st., NE, passed away Thursday night at Blodgett Memorial hospital. He is survived by his wife, Letha; three sons, Charles, in the United States army at Fort Riley, Kan., and Roger and Stuart at home; his mother, Mrs. Lois Deeds, of Wayland; one sister, Mrs. LaDore Ploeg, of Grand Rapids; three brothers, Austin of Lansing, George of Buffalo, N. Y., and Harry of Grand Ledge; and several nieces and nephews. He was a member of the Kent County Conservation League. Mr. Lilly reposes at the Van Strien-Alman Funeral Home, where services will be held at 1:30 Monday afternoon. Interment, Rosedale Memorial Park.

## Lake Odessa Man Dies Thursday at Hickory Corners

Stephen A. Aldrich, 80, retired Lake Odessa implement and life insurance salesman, died Thursday at 1:25 p.m. at the home of his son in law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Lovell Dewey, at Hickory Corners where he had spent several months.

He was born in Muskegon county, the son of William H. and Cordella (Bennett) Aldrich, August 10, 1876.

He went to the Lake Odessa area when a young man and married Millie Steward on June 9, 1896 and they celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary Sunday.

When a young man he worked as a salesman for the McCormick-Deering company for Claud Carpenter for many years, later moving to the Delton-Richland area where he farmed for several years. He also sold life insurance for about ten years.

They returned to Lake Odessa in 1935 and Mr. Aldrich was employed by Carl Senters as a salesman for the International Harvester company until Senters quit the business.

He then worked for the Lass Implement company and at the time he retired was employed by the Young's Tractor Sales.

They resided on the birthplace of Mrs. Aldrich northwest of Lake Odessa, but had gone to Hickory Corners late last Fall and remained there because of his health.

Surviving, besides his wife and daughter, Charlotte, are two sons, Clayton, of R2 Lake Odessa and Andrew of Kalamazoo; one brother, Wallie, of Vermontville; six grandchildren, and eight great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Monday at 1:30 at the Pickens Funeral chapel with interment in the East cemetery at Hickory Corners. Rev. A. J. Pitman officiated.