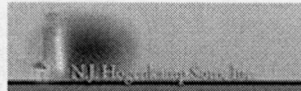


## William 'Bill' Gast

Born: August 30, 1923

Died: November 3, 2012

Location: Saint Henry, Ohio



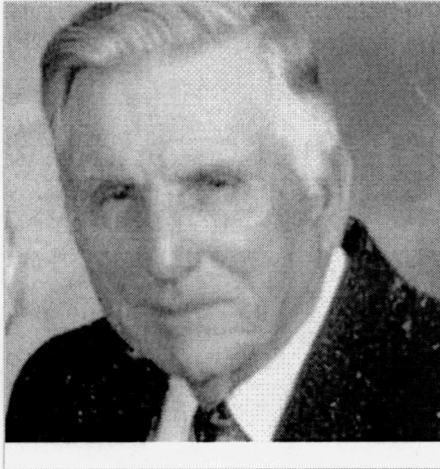
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## Tribute & Message From The Family



William H. (Bill) Gast, age 89, of St. Henry, OH, died on Saturday, November 03, 2012, at Riverside Methodist Hospital, Columbus, OH. He was born August 30, 1923, in St. Henry, OH, to the late Lewis and Leona (Beckman) Gast. On July 21, 1945, he married Geraldine (Feldhake) in St. Henry, and she survives there. Bill is survived by six children: Elaine & Gary Broering, St. Henry; Peggy & Richard Harkins, Marion, OH; Kathy & Jim Broering, Dublin, OH; Bo & Jane Gast, St. Henry; Dorothy & Duncan Abernathy, Richmond, VA; and Steve & Lucy Gast, Dove Canyon, CA; 15 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; a brother, John & Marty Gast of North Ft. Myers, FL; a sister, Jean & Jack Bergman of St. Henry; and three in-laws: Bea Gast of St. Henry; Joan & Mark Wenning, St. Henry; and Margaret Mestemaker of St. Marys. He is preceded in death by a grandson, Joel Broering; two brothers, Jim and Robert Gast; and a brother-in-law, Robert Mestemaker. He was a veteran of

the US Army Air Corps and a POW in Germany during WWII. He was a member of St. Henry Catholic Church; St. Gasper Del Bufalo 4th degree Knights of Columbus, Minster, OH; St. Henry Knights of Columbus; Mercer County Elks Club; St. Henry American Legion; and a former member of the St. Henry School Board and the church choir. Bill was past President and Agricultural Manager for the Beckman & Gast Company in St. Henry and was past president of the Ohio Food Processers Association. He received the H.D. Brown Person-of-the-Year Award from the Ohio Food Processers. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 AM on Wednesday, November 07, 2012, at St. Henry Catholic Church with Fr. Tom Hemm officiating. Burial with military rites will follow in St. Henry Cemetery. Friends may call on Tuesday from 2:00 PM to 8:00 PM and on Wednesday from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM at the Hogenkamp Funeral Home, St. Henry. Memorials may be directed to CALL Food Pantry in Celina or the Cancer Association of Mercer County. Condolences may be left at [hogenkampfh.com](http://hogenkampfh.com).

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