

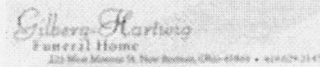


Paul J. Niekamp

Born: May 12, 1927

Died: March 3, 2014

Location: New Bremen, Ohio



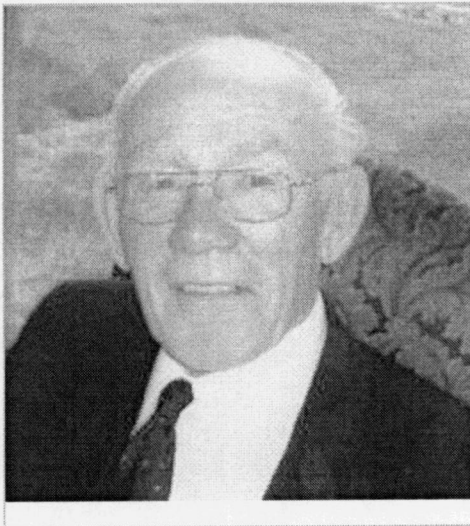
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Tribute & Message From The Family



PAUL J. NIEKAMP age 86

Of New Bremen, died on Monday, March 03, 2014 at 6:20 P.M. at the Elmwood Assisted Living of New Bremen. He was born on May 12, 1927 in St. Sebastian, OH.,

He was the son of Bernard and Mathilda (Schmitmeyer) Niekamp. He was preceded in death by his beloved "Ruthie" Gerlach on December 20, 2013, whom he had married on July 27, 1949. Survivors include his children; Diane and David Wagner of Celina, Marilyn and Jerry Nerderman, Linda and Alan Kelley, Tim and Jeanne Niekamp and Randy and Jenny Niekamp all of New Bremen and his daughter in law Kathy Niekamp of

Huber Heights, OH., fourteen grandchildren and seventeen great grandchildren. Also surviving are his siblings Clete and Hilda Niekamp of New Bremen, Dorothy Schmitt of St. Henry, Edna and Roger Lochtefeld of Ft. Recovery and sisters in law Luella (Melvin) Rindler and Dorothy Niekamp, both of Montezuma. Preceding him in death was his son Roger Niekamp, a granddaughter, siblings Mark Niekamp, Tom Niekamp and Rose Kramer and his brothers in law Ralph Schmitt and Othmar Kramer.

Mr. Niekamp was a member of the Church of the Holy Redeemer in New Bremen where he had served as an usher for many years and also had served on the Parish Council. He served in the U. S. Army as a company cook and was stationed in Japan following WW II. He was a member of the V.F.W. Post 9019 of Chickasaw and the American Legion Post 241 of New Bremen. Paul enjoyed sports, especially the Cincinnati Reds and Bengals. He was an avid fisherman and a horseshoe pitching "Champion". He was a regular in the daily Town Tavern euchre card games. He farmed his entire life and also retired from Gagel's Hardware of Maria Stein in 1990 where he was involved with the plumbing department. His family was special to him, always making time for his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. He was always a great uncle to all his "favorite" nieces and nephews.

Mass of Christian Burial will be on Friday, March 7, 2014 at 10:30 A.M. at the Church of the Holy Redeemer in New Bremen with Rev. Thomas Mannebach officiating. Burial will follow in the German Protestant Cemetery, New Bremen. Calling hours are on Thursday, March 6, 2014 from 2 until 7 P.M. at the Gilberg-Hartwig Funeral Home in New Bremen and on Friday from 9:30 until the time of the services at the church. Memorial contributions may be directed to the State of the Heart Hospice. Condolences to the family may be left at gilberghartwigfh.com

And in Paul's parting words; "and just remember, if you can't be good..... be careful."

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