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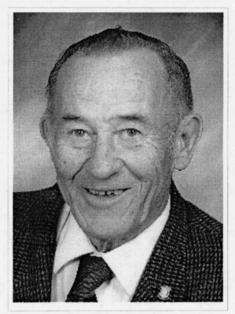
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Francis Shappie

July 24, 1927 - July 5, 2014

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Francis J. Shappie,

Age 86, formerly of Newport Road, Fort Loramie passed away July 5, 2014, at Fair Haven County Home in Sidney, Ohio. He was born July 24, 1927, in Versailles, Ohio, to the late Frank and Josephine (Gasson) Shappie. His father died the same day Francis was born, in a train accident on the way home after summoning the doctor for his son's birth. On November 18, 1950, he married Eileen Marie (Barhorst) Shappie. She preceded him in death on August 16, 2002. He is survived by one son David (Cindy) Shappie, and two daughters, Debbie (John) Wooddell, and Darlene (Kent) Mullen; Eight grandchildren: Andrew (Angela), and Nicholas (Heather) Shappie, Julie, and Kyle (Nicole) Wooddell, Matthew, Travis, Ryan and Adam Mullen. Five great-grandchildren: Alex, Aaron and Austin Shappie, Mila and Maddox Wooddell.

He was preceded in death by three brothers and spouse, Henry (Helen), Alfred and Bernard Shappie; two sisters and spouses, Bertha (Howard) Zorn, Mary (James) Coppess and one stepsister Margaret Shappie. Surviving is one sister-in-law, Elsie (Bernard) Shappie of Versailles, Ohio.

Surviving from Eileen's family are sisters-in-law, Betty Grilliot, Janet (Barney) Koverman, and Mary Ann Davis; brothers-in-law and spouses, James (Lucille), Dennis (Alice), Lester (Jeanie), and Henry (Pat) Barhorst. Six brothers-in-law and one sister-in-law from Eileen's family preceded him in death.

Mr. Shappie attended Russia Schools and served in the Air Force during WWII and the Korean War. He worked at the former Val Decker Packing Company in Piqua for thirty years until retiring in 1980. He then worked for the Shelby County Highway Department. He had been an active lifetime member of the Newport Sportsman Club. He also was a member of the Fort Loramie American Legion Post #355, where he was a chicken fryer for many years. He belonged to the 1099 Retirees Club in Dayton and was a member of Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Newport. Francis enjoyed attending his grandchildren's sporting events and had been known as "Grandpa" to many of his kids and grandkids friends. He was once an avid card player and enjoyed taking many senior citizen bus trips with his late wife Eileen. More recently he enjoyed playing lottery scratch offs, which he purchased from his friends at Meyer's Garage as well as lunches at Al's Place. The family is deeply saddened by the loss of their father, grandfather and great grandfather; he will be greatly missed by all.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held 10:30 AM Wednesday, July 9, 2014, at Sts. Peter and Paul Church with Rev. Steven Shoup presiding. Interment services with full military honors will follow at the church cemetery. The family will receive friends at Gehret Funeral Home in Fort Loramie on Tuesday from 2:00 to 8:00 PM and Wednesday from 9:00 to 10:00 AM. Memorial contributions may be made to Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church or charity of donor's choice.

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