

Bartel C. Ahlers

Bartel C. Ahlers, age 88, of Coldwater, died Friday, April 25, 2008, at Ohio Veterans Home in Georgetown.

He was born November 3, 1919, in Saint Henry, to the late William and Regina (Ebbing) Ahlers. He married Mary (Nieberding) Brandon-Ahlers on August 6, 1971, and she survives in Coldwater.

He is survived by 5 step-daughters: Elaine (Joe) Oen of Russia, Connie (Bill) Anthony of Nashville, Tenn., Doris (Robert) Anderson of Williston, Vt., Joan (Ken) Knapke of Sidney and Maria (Albert) Wray of Christ Church, New Zealand; 17 step grandchildren and 18 step great grandchildren, a brother Stan (Viola) Ahlers of Fort Recovery and a sister Mary Lou Osterholt of Fort Recovery. He is preceded in death by stepsons: Ralph, Marvin & Richard, brother and sister-in-law Paul & Mabel Ahlers and a brother-in-law Ed Osterholt.

He was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Coldwater. He was a member of the Holy Name Society of the Church and Coldwater American Legion Post 470, who conducted military rites at the cemetery. He was a retired farmer.

Mass of Christian Burial was held at Holy Trinity Catholic Church on Tuesday, April 29, 2008 at 10:30 a.m., with Rev. Dan Schmitmeyer officiating. Hogenkamp Funeral Home of Coldwater handled the arrangements.