

Paul F. Ahlers, 80, of Fort Loramie, passed away of natural causes on Monday morning, July 11, 2011, at his residence



He was born on April 25, 1931, in Frenchtown, the son of Frank and Gertrude (Eilerman) Ahlers, and they preceded him in death.

On Aug. 26, 1953, at St. Michael Church in Fort Loramie, he married Eileen (Hilgefert) Ahlers, and she survives.

He is also survived by four children, Douglas and Rebecca Ahlers of Versailles, Mark Ahlers of

Altamonte Springs, Fla., Randal and Jolene Ahlers of Fort Loramie, Amy and James Albers of Fort Loramie; five grandchildren, Sara and Justin Ward, Daniel Ahlers, Mitchell and Morgan Ahlers, Kreg Albers, Brooke Albers; two stepgrandchildren, Eric Lea and David Lea; two great-grandchildren, Josie Ward and Adalynne Ahlers; brothers and sisters-in-law, Cletus Hilgefert of Versailles, Edna and Eugene Ahlers of St. Marys, Vernon and Margaret Hilgefert of Newport, Phyllis and Lester Sherman of Minster, Lester and Joyce Hilgefert of Newport. He was also preceded in death by two sisters and brother-in-laws, Marie and Raymond Curtis, Paulene and Robert Dapore.

A 1949 graduate of Fort Loramie High School, he also studied general business at Miami University and was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War. He retired in 1987 as bank president from The Loramie Banking Co., where he had been hired as a teller in 1955. He attended St. Michael Catholic Church and served on the parish council and the St. Michael's hall building committee. He also served on the Wilson Memorial Hospital board of directors, Fort Loramie board of public affairs and had been clerk of the Fort Loramie Village Council. He had been active in the Fort Loramie Development Corp., Fort Loramie GYM committee and athletic booster clubs, Minster Fraternal Order of Eagles Lodge 1391, Fort Loramie American Legion Post 355 and was a charter member of the Fort Loramie Kiwanis. In his leisure time, he enjoyed golfing and fishing.

A Mass of Christian burial will be held at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, July 16, 2011, at St. Michael Church in Fort Loramie, with the Rev. Steven Shoup officiating. Interment will follow at St. Michael's Cemetery, with full military honors by the American Legion. Friends may call from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Saturday at Gehret Funeral Home in Fort Loramie. Condolences may be expressed at www.gehretfuneralhome.com.