

Charles "David" Ahrns

Charles "David" Ahrns, 65, of Minster, died Friday, December 27, 2002 at Joint Township District Memorial Hospital in St. Marys following a lengthy illness.

Mr. Ahrns was born Feb. 26, 1937, in Minster, the son of Mary "Rosemary" (Ronan) and Lewis C. Ahrns; both are deceased. On July 3, 1964, he married Mary Sharon Davis and she survives.

He is also survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Gregory and Ann Ahrns of Minster; and a daughter, Nicole Beetsch of Ann Arbor, Michigan; three grandchildren, Gregory, Vanessa and Blake Ahrns; two sisters, Virginia McConnell of Troy and Dorothy Alice Leiss of New Bremen; and a brother and sister-in-law, William and Arlene Ahrns of Greenville.

In addition to his parents, Mr. Ahrns was preceded in death by a sister and a brother.

Mr. Ahrns retired in 1996 from the Minster Machine Co. where he had been a supervisor for many years. He was also a coach and had coached locally at all levels.

A 1955 graduate of Minster High School, he was a U.S. Army Veteran of the Vietnam area, having served his country in Germany. He was a lifetime member of St. Augustine Catholic Church and served as an usher. He was also a member of the American Legion Post 387, Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie 1391 and Minster's Lionheart Chapter of Safari Club International. He belonged to the Vietnam Veterans of America Grand Lake Chapter 783 and was a member of the Lake Loramie Improvement Association.

Mr. Ahrns enjoyed activities with his grandchildren and raising and training hunting dogs.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, December 31, 2002 at St. Augustine Catholic Church in Minster with Father Louis Schmidt officiating. Interment was in St. Augustine Cemetery with full military honors.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society or the Dayton VA Medical Center.

Arrangements were handled by Gehret Funeral Home in Fort Loramie.