

## Karl F. Ahrns

Karl F. Ahrns, 72, of Fort Loramie, died at home, Thursday, April 4, 2002 after a lengthy illness.

Mr. Ahrns was born Aug. 15, 1929 in Fort Loramie, the son of the late Herman and Josephine Schmidt Ahrns.

He married Evelyn Marie Hemmelgarn Ahrns, June 4, 1966 in St. Francis Church, Cranberry Prairie, Ohio. She survives.

Other survivors include sons, James (Tammy) of Piqua; Gary Joe (Michelle) of New Bremen and Emerson Keith (Janell) of Marysville; daughters, Leesa (Douglas) Brown of Minster and Lynn of Fort Loramie; sister Kathleen (Arthur) Fisher of Fryberg; brothers Bernard (Rosemary) of Pemberton, Ohio and Julius (Mary Alice) of Maria Stein; and 15 grandchildren.

One sister and two brothers preceded him in death.

Mr. Ahrns was a member of St. Michael Church and the St. Michael's Knights of St. John Commandery No. 300. He was a member of the Minster Eagles No. 1391.

He graduated from Fort Loramie High School in 1947 and was retired in 2000 after 33 years in firewood sales and soft drink distribution, and as owner/operator of E&K Fruit Market.

Rev. Steven Shoup celebrated a Mass of Christian Burial April 9 at St. Michael Church. Burial followed in St. Michael's Cemetery.

Gehret Funeral Home, Fort Loramie, handled the arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Wilson Hospice Care, 915 W. Michigan St., Sidney, OH 45365.