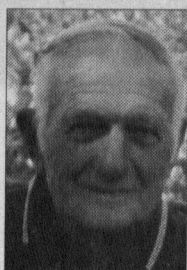


Thursday, December 16, 2010

## Bernard A. Aselage

Bernard "Ben" Albert Aselage, age 85 of Fort Loramie, passed away of natural causes on Monday Dec. 7 at Wilson Memorial Hospital in Sidney.



He was born Aug. 4, 1925, in Fort Loramie, to the late John B. and Anna M. (Gaier) Aselage. On Aug. 27, 1949, at Holy Angles Catholic Church in Sidney, Ben married Elizabeth "Betty" (Poepelman) Aselage who passed away on Nov. 5, 2002.

Surviving are one daughter, Shirley and Patrick Elsass of Botkins; two grandsons: Keith and Molly Elsass of Fort Wayne, Ind., Gregory and Katie Elsass of Columbus; and one great-granddaughter, Elizabeth Elsass; five siblings: Dorothy and Clete Poepelman of Sidney, Viola Dietz of Botkins, Agnes Francis of Versailles, Esther Dietz of Botkins, and Clarissa Barhorst of Russia; sisters and brothers-in-law: Edna Aselage of Fort Loramie, Margaret Severt of Englewood, Georgie Poepelman of Centerville, and Eileen and Herman Dietz of St. Marys; along with numerous nieces & nephews.

He was preceded in death by: one son, Michael Aselage; four siblings: Henry Aselage, Josephine and Ben Doseck, Marie and Norbert Francis, and Hilda and Urban Poepelman; seven sisters and brothers-in-law: Marie and Elmer Severt, Andy and Germaine Poepelman, Charles and Esther Kohnen, Jerome and Millie Drees, Herbert Severt, Alfred Poepelman, and Roman and Blanche Poepelman.

Ben attended St. Michael Catholic Church and had been a member of the former St. Joseph's Sodality; he served on the parish council and had been a past president; at present, he was as an Adult Funeral Server. Ben's past civic memberships included more than 30 years with the Fort Loramie Fire Department, The Fort Loramie American Legion Chicken Fryers, and the Lake Loramie Improvement Association. He served on the Shelby County Fair Board and had been a McLean Township Trustee for seven years. Mr. Aselage had also been a Shelby County Commissioner for eight years. He helped organize the Shelby Co. Adult Day Care Center at Fair Haven and served as their board president.

Mr. Aselage was retired from farming. Over the years, he had also worked for the former Fort Loramie Mills, Jim Boerger's Dry Cleaners, and the Stolle Corp.

Mass of Christian Burial was held on Saturday, Dec. 11 at St. Michael Church in Fort Loramie with Rev. Steven Shoup presiding. Interment followed at St. Michael's Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to The Ft. Loramie Fire Department or The Ft. Loramie Rescue Squad. Condolences may be expressed at [www.gehretfuneralhome.com](http://www.gehretfuneralhome.com)