

## Donald E. Bachman

Donald E. Bachman, 73, of Van Wert, passed away Dec. 1, 2005 at VanCrest Nursing Center. He was born Feb. 1, 1932 in Columbus to Lyndon and Irma Bachman of Minster.

Mr. Bachman was preceded in death by his parents and brother Jan. He is survived by his wife, Nancy (Fredritz) Warden, of Van Wert; brother, Duane (Mary Jane), of Piqua and sister, Sharon (Mark) Brandewie, of Minster.

He is survived by four sons Rick and Laura Bachman of Vandalia; Randy and Karen Bachman of Napoleon, Ron and Pam Bachman of Dublin; Robert Bachman of Westerville and their mother Mary Bachman (Schlater) of Van Wert.

He is also survived by his step children John and Peggy Warden of Massachusetts; Thomas and Amani Warden of Florida; Michael Warden of New Hampshire; Steven and Pamela Warden of Michigan; Paula and Don Wexler of Bexley; Kathryn and Dick Fry of Van Wert; Rebecca and Jim Butler of Van Wert and Kim and Randy Hoffhines of Vermillion. He also had seven grandchildren, 12 step grandchildren and 14 step great grandchildren.

He was a member of St. Mary Catholic Church and a charter member of the Knights of Columbus Council 6034. He was a registered Ohio High School Athletic Association official for baseball, basketball and football as well as was a NCAA baseball and football official. He was a charter member of the Midwest Buckeye Officials Association. He currently served as secretary of the Northwest Conference since 1975.

In 1989, he was inducted into the inaugural class of the Ohio High school Athletic Association Officials Hall of Fame. In 2005, he was inducted to the first class of the ACME Baseball Congress Hall of Fame.

He was a current member of the Van Wert County Board of Elections and current democratic chairman. He was formerly a member of the Van Wert City Planning Committee and a longtime volunteer with the American Red Cross Bloodmobile. He served as president of the Van

Wert Parks and Recreation committee to develop the Smiley Park project. For more than 20 years, he volunteered as a Little League and Pony League Baseball coach. He was a current member and past governor of the Van Wert Moose Lodge 1320.

Before retiring in 1994, Mr. Bachman worked for Central Mutual Insurance Company of Van Wert for 37 years.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that memorial contributions be made to the Donald E. Bachman Memorial Fund administered by the Van Wert County Foundation.

Arrangements were made at the Alspach-Gearhart Funereal Home in Van Wert. A scripture service was held on Dec. 4, 2005 at the funeral home.

Mass of Christian burial was held on Dec. 6, 2005 at St. Mary's of the Assumption Catholic Church in Van Wert with Father Charles Obinwa officiating.

Mr. Bachman was buried at Woodland Cemetery in Van Wert.

Condolences may be sent to [agfh@bright.net](mailto:agfh@bright.net).