Albert J. Barhorst

"Al" Albert J. Barhorst, 85, of Minster, passed away of natural causes on Friday evening, Oct. 7, 2011, at Joint Township District Memorial Hospital in St. Marys.



He was born on July 21, 1926, in Fort Loramie, the son of Albert H. and Anna (Barlage) Barhorst, and they preceded him in death.

On Nov. 26, 1949, at St. Augustine Church in Minster, he married Martha (Bornhorst) Barhorst, and she preceded him in death on June 18, 2010.

He is survived by two daughters, Lynda Barhorst of Hudson,

Fla., Deb and Kevin Ranly of Sidney; grandchildren, Jennifer and Michael Skinner, Ryan Schoby, Makenzie and Trey Ranly; great-grandchildren, Gavin Skinner, Tyler, Dylan, Collin Schoby; step-great-grandchildren, Tyler and Nathan Skinner; five siblings, Alma Mangen of New Bremen, Norma Koverman of Van Wert, Carl and Eileen Barhorst of Fort Loramie, Ernie and Joann Barhorst of Fort Loramie, Joann Vondenhuevel of Minster; sister-inlaw, Dorothy Quinlin of Fort Loramie.

He was also preceded in death by one brother, Harold Barhorst; brothers and sisters-in-law, Orville Mangen, LeRoy Koverman, Vern Vondenhuevel, Jim Quinlin,

Don and Pat Bornhorst.

He was a U.S. Navy Veteran of World War II. He attended St. Augustine Catholic Church and was a member of the Minster VFW Post 6432, Minster American Legion Post 2012 and the New Bremen Rod and Gun Club. He was retired from Sidney Tool and Die, where he had been a tool and die inspector for many years.

Additionally, he and his late wife owned and operated the former Home Service Cleaners in Minster. Al enjoyed floral gardening and had also been an avid sportsman.

A Mass of Christian curial will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 13, at St. Augustine Church in Minster, with the Rev. Rick Nieberding officiating. Interment will follow at St. Augustine Cemetery with full military honors by the Minster Veterans Firing Squad.

Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Thursday at

Gehret Funeral Home in Fort Loramie.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Grand Lake Hospice or a charity of donor's choice.

Condolences may be expressed at www.gehretfuneralhome.com.