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## Virgil "Butch" B. Barhorst

Virgil "Butch" B. Barhorst, 79, of Minster, died Fe. 21, 2006 at Joint Township District Memorial Hospital after a 10-year battle with cancer. Born May 8, 1926 in Minster, he was the son of Edward W. and Agnes (Gariety) Barhorst. On July 23, 1955, he married Beverly J. (Schmieder) Barhorst at St. Augustine Catholic Church in Minster.

Preceding him in death were his parents and brother, Leonard Barhorst.

Surviving him are his wife, children, Kevin and Kathy Barhorst of Fort Loramie; Karen and William Watercutter of Sidney; Gregory and Carol Barhorst of Fort Loramie and Kris and Chris Hickerson of Fort Loramie; siblings, Lenore Otte of Maria Stein; Ruth Jutte of Philothia; Tom and Bernice Barhorst of Anna; Mary O'Halloran of Dayton; Carol and Leroy Lochtefeld of Sidney; Barb and Larry Francis of Russia; Ed and Alice Barhorst of Sidney and Jane and Vernon Monnin of Covington and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

A member of St. Michael Catholic Church, Barhorst was also a former member of FOE in Minster, St. Augustine K of C and Shelby County Coon Hunters.

Barhorst owned and operated V. B. Barhorst Excavating for 40 years until retiring in 1994. Prior to that, he worked 10 years at Spring Creek Gravel. After retiring, he mowed side ditches for McLean Township.

He was an avid fisherman and Cincinnati Reds fan, as well as enjoyed Nascar, gardening and watching his grandchildren's sporting events.

Funeral services were given at St. Michael Catholic Church on Feb. 27, with the Rev. Steven Shoup presiding and burial following at St. Michael's Cemetery in Fort Loramie.

Memorial contributions may be made to Shelby County Relay for Life.

Gehret Funeral Home in Fort Loramie handled arrangements.