

Richard S. Barr

Richard S. Barr Sr., 83, of Coldwater, died Thursday, May 7, 2009 at Community Hospital in Coldwater.

He was born June 12, 1925, in Nashville, Tenn., to the late Morris Egan Barr and Julia (Shannon) Ditto-Barr. On Jan. 24, 1948 he married Janice (Solms) Barr in I.C. Church in Dayton.

He is survived by sons: Richard S. Barr, Jr. of Coldwater, Dan (Georgene) Knapke of Tipp City and Larry (Lorraine) Knapke of Coldwater; as well as nine grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren. He is preceded in death by a half brother James Ditto, a brother Morris Barr, Jr. and a sister Julia Barr-Johnson.

He was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Coldwater. A veteran of the US Army serving as a front line surgical tech from 1943-45, he was a member of Coldwater American Legion Post 470, Coldwater V. F. W. Post 5135, and a charter member of Mercer County Elks Lodge #2170. He graduated from Father Ryan High School in Nashville and the University of Dayton. He taught and coached at Marion Local High School in Maria Stein and Coldwater Elementary and High School in Coldwater. He and Jan were the first directors of Coldwater Memorial Park. He sold text books for the Catholic Division of Laidlaw Publishing Co. Doubleday, Bertelsmann and MacMillan Publishers.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Holy Trinity Catholic Church on Saturday, May 9, 2009, with Rev. Ronald Wilker officiating. Dick donated his body to Wright State University School of Medicine Anatomical Gift Program. Memorials can be made to Coldwater Memorial Park c/o Village of Coldwater 610 W. Sycamore St, Coldwater, Ohio 45828. Hogenkamp Funeral Home in Coldwater handled the arrangements.