

Thursday, May 27, 2004

Obituary

Leroy A. Benanzer

Leroy A. Benanzer, 58, of Fort Loramie, died Thursday, May 20, 2004 at home, after fighting cancer for seven months.

Mr. Benanzer was born June 10, 1945 in Shelby County, the son of the late Paul and Mary "Naomi" Glynn Benanzer.

He married Linda L. Barhorst at Sacred Heart Church, McCartyville, July 21, 1985. She survives.

Other survivors include daughters: Lori (Michael) Slonkosky of Sidney, Kay (Gary) Lengerich of Maplewood, and Lynn (Marc) Rue of Jackson Center; a son Tony (April) of Montezuma; and eight grandchildren.

Sisters: Judith Schulze of McCartyville, Mary Berning of Newport, Ruth Schulze of Newport, Agnes Fisher of Wapakoneta, Rose Muhlenkamp of Tipp City, and Louise Frey of Fort Loramie, also survive.

An infant sister preceded him in death.

Mr. Benanzer was a member of St. Michael Church, Fort Loramie. He belonged to the Minister Fraternal Order of Eagles No. 1931 and the Newport Sportsman Club. He previously served six years as a Perry Township Trustee.

He was a 1963 graduate of Fort Loramie High School.

Until becoming disabled in 2003, Mr. Benanzer was a forklift operator for F&P of America in Troy. He previously owned and operated Pemberton Country Market for nine years and worked 19 years for Bambauer Fertilizer & Seed Company in Pemberton, prior to 12 years as a branch manager and truck driver for Meadow Gold of Piqua.

Rev. Steven Shoup celebrated a Mass of Christian Burial May 24 at St. Michael Church. Burial followed in St. Michael Cemetery.

Gehret Funeral Home, Fort Loramie, handled the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to Wilson Hospice Care.