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**John A. Bensman**

**Age:** 59

**Entered into Rest:** December 26, 2013


**Visitation:** Monday 2:00 to 8:00 PM and Tuesday 9:00 to 9:45 AM at  
Gehret Funeral Home

**Service:** Tuesday, December 31, 2013, 10:30 AM St. Remy Church,  
Russia

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John A. Bensman,  
Age 59, of Russia Versailles Rd., Russia, Ohio, passed away suddenly of  
natural causes at his residence late Thursday evening, December 26, 2013.  
He was born June 13, 1954, in Coldwater, Ohio, to Virgil and Mildred  
(Gehret) Bensman of Versailles. On November 28, 1974, at St. Patrick

Catholic Church, St. Patrick, John married Marian (Holthaus) Bensman who survives. Also surviving are three children: Ann & Chad Delaet of Russia, Suzanne & Brad Grilliot of Versailles, and John E. Bensman of Osgood; seven grandchildren: Emma, Casey, Levi and Weston Deliat, Isaac, Taylor and Reed Grilliot; eight siblings: Shirley & Walter Broering of St. Henry, Jerome & Marilyn Bensman of Versailles, Irene & John Bruns of Maria Stein, Mary Jane & Lester Homan of New Bremen, Steve & Deborah Bensman of Versailles, Theresa & Philip Heitkamp of New Bremen, Marlene & Steven Puthoff of Versailles, Carl & Kathy Bensman of Versailles, and sister-in-law, Teresa & Bill Gariety of Wapakoneta; father-in-law, Bernard Holthaus of McCartyville, sisters & brothers-in-law: Rosie & Marvin Albers of McCartyville, Bernard & Bobbie Holthaus of Sidney, Dorothy Inman of Mesa, AZ, Marlene Overly of Duluth, GA, Carol & Larry Voisard of Fort Loramie, Frederick Holthaus of Anna, Richard & Deb Holthaus of Anna, Patricia & Mark Wahl of Celina, Rita & Allen Wente of Minster, Treva & Rick Monnier of Tipp City, Mark & Sharon Holthaus of Fort Loramie, William & Deb Holthaus of Fort Loramie, Gerald Holthaus of Anna, Margaret & Jerry Gepfrey of Anna, and Robert Holthaus of Anna. He was preceded in death by his father and one brother, Michael Bensman, mother-in-law, Ruth Holthaus, Step mother-in-law, Mary Langenkamp Holthaus, and a sister-in-law, Ann Holthaus. John was the founding owner and operator of John Bensman Tree Trimming since 1982. Previously, he had been employed 23 years at Clopay in Russia. He also served as a Loramie Township Trustee. John was a member of St. Remy Catholic Church and had been a past member of the St. Remy Knights of Columbus. John enjoyed attending estate auctions and camping where tractors and other antiques might be for sale or just on display. He had a particular passion for collecting and rebuilding antique Case tractors. Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 AM, Tuesday, December 31, 2013, at St. Remy Church in Russia with Rev. Frank Amberger presiding. Interment will follow at the church Cemetery. Friends may call Monday 2:00 to 8:00 PM and Tuesday 9:00 to 9:45 AM at Gehret Funeral Home in Fort Loramie. Memorials may be made to the Houston Rescue Squad or Russa Fire Department. Condolences may be expressed at [www.gehretfuneralhome.com](http://www.gehretfuneralhome.com)

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