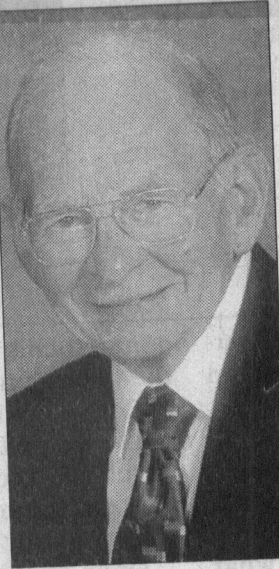


Harold J. Bensman

Harold J. Bensman, 80, of Minster, died April 26, 2006 at Joint Township District Memorial Hospital in St. Marys after a five-week illness. Born Feb. 7, 1926 in Minster, he was the son of Robert and Josephine (Wynk) Bensman, both of whom are deceased. On Oct. 14, 1950, he married Dolores E. Hoying in McCartyville, who survives him.



Also surviving him are children, Ann and John Halpin of Powell; Marjorie and Scott Barnheiser of Hilliard; Christine Noykos and Alan Farr of Minster and Donna and James Smith of Maine; siblings, Alfrieda Bangerter of Minster and Esther Roth of Englewood and numerous grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were son, Steven, and infant son, William.

As a member of St. Augustine Catholic Church in Minster, he was a member of the Orphan Society and was a former usher and lector. Bensman was also an active member of the Knights of Columbus Post 2158 in Minster, where he was the president of the Home Corporation and a bingo caller for 55 years. He was, as well, a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles Post 1391 in Minster, an avid gardener and card player, and worked part-time at Wagner's IGA in Minster. A retired farmer, he had been a member of the Auglaize County Farm Bureau and Auglaize County Holstein Association.

Funeral services took place on May 1, at St. Augustine Catholic Church in Minster with Rev. Rick Nieberding presiding and burial following at the church's cemetery.

Hogenkamp Funeral Home, in Minster, handled arrangements.