

Thomas J. Bensman

Thomas J. Bensman, age 78, died on Friday, Aug. 21, 2009 at his residence in Minster.

He was born April 29, 1931 to Albert and Eleanor (Stueve) Bensman of Minster. On May 18, 1957 he married Dorothy A. Ebbing, who survives him.



He is also survived by his children, Sharon Didier of Versailles and Karl Bensman of Minster, and grandsons: Dylan, Ben, Elliot and Dalton Didier of Versailles. He also leaves behind his siblings: Paul (Joan) Bensman of Minster, Bernadette Hoying of Minster and Martha Buschur of Coldwater; as well as brother-in-law Robert (Ann) Ebbing of Coldwater. He is preceded in death by sister Joan Thieman and brothers-in-law Elmer Hoying, Robert Buschur and Donald Thieman.

He lived his entire life on a centennial farm in Minster, except for two years served in the Army in 1954-56. He was a 1949 graduate of Minster High School. He attended St. Augustine Church and was active in the Minster Knights of Columbus, served 12 years on the school board, a member of the Minster Civic Association, FOE 1391 Minster, Minster American Legion, Loramie Valley Alliance Board and Jackson Twp. Zoning Board. He was a 10 gallon donor to the American Red Cross. His hobbies included traveling, camping, belonging to two camping clubs, dancing, playing cards and woodworking.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Wednesday, Aug. 19, 2009 at St. Augustine with Rev. Vincent Hoying, Rev. Rick Nieberding and Rev. John Bensman officiating. Memorials may be donated to Grand Lake Hospice or Shrine of the Holy Relics in Maria Stein. Hogenkamp Funeral Home in Minster handled the arrangements.