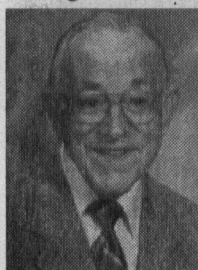


Thursday, September 20, 2007

Werner R. Bensman

Deacon Werner R. Bensman, 86, of Anna, died at 7:35 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 12, 2007, at his daughter's house in Sidney following a one week illness.



He was born Aug. 22, 1921, in St. Patrick, a son of Frank and Appolonia (Mader) Bensman, and they preceded him in death.

On April 15, 1944, he married Eulita M. Bertke in Cassella, and she preceded him in death on April 15, 2005.

He is survived by four sons, Gerald "Gary" (Emmy) Bensman of Minster, Denny (Jane) Bensman of Dayton, Gregory (Sue) Bensman of Cincinnati, Daniel (Julie) Bensman of Ft. Meyers, Fla.; four daughters, Kathleen (Howard) Holiday of Crystal Lake, Ill., Susan (Robert) Cleppe of Arlington, Wash., Deborah Colfer of Greenbank, Wash., Brenda (Eric) Locker of Sidney; a sister, Dorothy Bergman of McCartyville; a brother, Jerome Siegrist of Sidney; 12 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents and wife, a brother, Arthur Bensman, and two sisters, Mary Ann Baumer and Delores Debrosse, also preceded him in death.

He was a member of St. Michael Church in Fort Loramie, a former member of St. Patrick Church, KofC member of St. Patrick and McCartyville, National Farmers Organization, the Shelby Co. Farm Bureau and former member and past president of Pioneer Electric.

He was ordained a deacon in 1991 and served St. Patrick, St. Michael and Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Churches. He was a retired farmer and real estate agent.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Saturday, Sept. 15, 2007, at St. Michael Catholic Church with the Rev. Steven Shoup officiating. Burial followed in the St. Patrick Cemetery.

Hogenkamp Funeral Home in Minster was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Wilson Hospice and the St. Michael Church building fund.

Online condolences may be expressed at www.hogenkamp-fh.com.