

Louis Paul Bertke

Louis Paul Bertke, 83, of Cassella, died Monday, Jan. 26, 2009 at his residence. He was born Jan. 14, 1926, in Cassella, to the late Leo & Anna (Lindhaus) Bertke. On June 20, 1953 he married Evelyn Hartings and she survives.



He is also survived by seven children: Kenneth (Angela) Bertke of Maria Stein, Barbara (Jerry) Arling of Minster, David (Jane) Bertke of Maria Stein, Roger (Teresa) Bertke of Saint Marys, Mary (Gregg) Barhorst of Maria Stein, Timothy (Terri) Bertke of Minster and Michael (Renee) Bertke of Maria Stein; as well as 27 grandchildren and two great grandchildren. He also leaves behind two brothers, Wilbur (Anna) Bertke of Saint Henry and Ernest (Rita) Bertke of Centerville, and a sister Norma (Norb) Otting of Minster, Ohio. He is preceded in death by a son Daniel, a grandchild Joshua; brothers and sisters-in-law: Leander (Alvera) Bertke, Cyril (Dorothy) Bertke, Dennis Bertke and Marinus Bertke and sisters and brother-in-law: Euleta (Werner) Bensman and Mary Ann Bertke.

He was a member of Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Cassella, the Men's Holy Name Society of the church, Catholic Knights in Cassella, and a veteran of the US Navy serving during WWII. He graduated in 1944 from St. John's High School and was a retired farmer.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Friday, Jan. 30, 2009, with Rev. Gene Schnipke officiating. Burial followed at Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Cassella. Memorials can be made to State of the Heart Hospice 230 W Main ST Coldwater, OH 45828. Hogenkamp Funeral Home of St. Henry handled the arrangements.