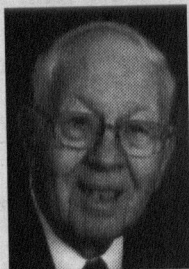


Paul W. Bertke

Paul W Bertke, age 82, of Saint Henry, died Wednesday, March 10, 2010; at Heritage Manor Nursing Home in Minster.



He was born May 23, 1927 in Celina, to Dietrick and Alma (Schulte) Bertke. He married Lucille "Lucy" May on May 3, 1952. She preceded him in death on Jan. 19, 1991.

He is survived by his four daughters: Marlene (Steve) Frilling of Minster, Peg (Jerry) Otte of Maria Stein, Mary Lou (Stan) Bruns of Maria Stein and Paula (Dave) Rutschilling of Yorkshire; sisters, Pat (Tom) Hamberg of Coldwater and Doris Birt of Saint Henry, and 13 grandchildren.

He was employed by Avco New Idea in Coldwater and was a member of St. Henry Catholic Church. He was also a member of St. Henry American Legion, Coldwater V.F.W. Post 5135, and Coldwater Eagles FOE #3025. He served in the Army during World War II.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Henry Catholic Church on Monday, March 15, 2010, with Rev. Thomas Hemm officiating. Interment followed at St. Henry Cemetery in St. Henry, Ohio. Military honors will be held at the graveside by the St. Henry American Legion Firing Squad. Memorials may be made to State of the Heart Hospice. Hogenkamp Funeral Home in St. Henry handled the arrangements.