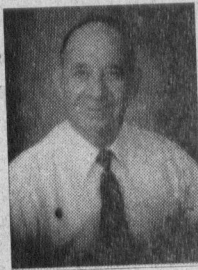


Thursday, November 8, 2007

## Obituaries

### Doyle Dean Birt

Doyle Dean Birt, 81, of Coldwater died Wednesday, Oct. 31, 2007, at Briarwood Manor Nursing Home, in Coldwater.



He was born April 24, 1926, in Ansonia, to the late Frank and Clara (Murray) Birt. He married Mary Jane Schwieterman on June 18, 1949.

He is survived by sons Charles (Karen) Birt, of Michigan; Ronald (Cindy) Birt, of Athens; Alan (Stephanie) Birt, of Montezuma, daughter Jeanette (Bill) Muhlenkamp, of Texas, 16 grandchildren, a step-grandchild, two great-grandchildren, sisters Mary Smalley, of Celina, Patricia Fleck, of Celina and two sisters-in-law, Martha Huelsman, of St. Henry, and Mary Schwieterman, of Montezuma.

He was preceded in death by sisters Thelma Ott, Violet Davis and a brother, Lovell Birt.

Mr. Birt was a member of Our Lady of Guadalupe and of the Coldwater VFW Post 5135. He was a past member of the Montezuma Fire Department, and he served in the Marines during World War II. He graduated from Celina High School in 1944. He was employed by the former Linneman Garage, in Montezuma, and Crown Control, in New Bremen, where he retired after 26 years.

Mass of Christian Burial was held at Our Lady of Guadalupe, on Monday, Nov. 5, 2007, with The Rev. James Dugal officiating. Burial was at Our Lady of Guadalupe Cemetery, in Montezuma.

Memorials can be made to Celina Area Visiting Nurses and Hospice.

Hogenkamp Funeral Home, in Coldwater, handled arrangements.