Melvin G. Botkin

Melvin G. Botkin, 84, 130 S. Frankfort, St., Minster, died Thursday, Feb. 13, 2003 in his residence.

Mr. Botkin was born Nov. 9, 1919 in Wapakoneta, the son of the late Virgil and Myrtle Hughes Botkin.

He married Rosabelle Westerheide. She died May 29, 1996.

Survivors include sons, James (Barbara) of Dawsonville, Ga. and Joseph (Jennifer) of Minster; daughters, Susan (Thomas) Eilerman of Fort Loramie and Trina (Michael) Ahlers of Milton, Fla.; 11 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

A grandchild and a brother preceded him in death.

Mr. Botkin was a member of St. Augustine Church, Minster. He belonged to the Minster American Legion and VFW. He was a former member of Arrowhead Golf Club.

He was retired from Goodyear Tire and Rubber, St. Marys, where he was a supervisor.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army Military Police who served in WWII.

Rev. Louis Schmit celebrated a Mass of Christian Burial, Feb. 18 at St. Augustine. Burial followed in the St. Augustine Cemetery, with military honors by the Minster Firing Squad.

Hogenkamp Funeral Home, Minster, handled the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Minster Life Squad.