

## Clifford M. Dietz

Clifford M. Dietz, age 85, died on Wednesday, Oct. 15, 2008 in his home in Botkins following an extended illness.



He was born on Sept. 29, 1923 to Joseph and Elenora (Schnippe) Dietz of Botkins. On June 12, 1948, he married Grace Bruggeman, who preceded him in death on May 6, 1992.

He is survived by his children: Kathleen (Jim) Heitkamp of Houston, Janice (Lee) Wellman of New Knoxville, William Dietz of Botkins, Robert (Lois) Dietz of Botkins, Joyce Gehret of Anna, Anita (Gary) Bornhorst of Botkins, Judith (Scott) Smith of Sidney and Lisa (Ron) Elliott of Sidney; as well as 27 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. He also leaves behind two sisters, Henrietta Knopp of Cincinnati and Virginia Poeppelman of Botkins, and a sister-in-law, Mary Dietz of Botkins. He is preceded in death by a son-in-law, Nicholas Gehret, two brothers, Eugene and Charles, and three sisters: Genevieve Etgen, Rosella Martin and Luella Murphy.

He was a member of Immaculate Conception Church in Botkins and was president of the Men's Society of the Church in 1961 when the church was built. He enjoyed fishing and working in his garden and orchard.

Funeral services were held on Monday, Oct. 20, 2008 at Immaculate Conception Church with Rev. Patrick Sloneker officiating. Memorial donations may be given in his honor to Immaculate Conception Church. Hogenkamp Funeral Home of Minster handled the arrangements.