

Thursday, August 14, 2003

Eugene R. Dirksen

Eugene R. Dirksen, 84, 6009 Dirksen Rd., Maria Stein, Ohio, died Tuesday, Aug. 5, 2003 in Celina Manor Nursing Home.

Mr. Dirksen was born June 16, 1919 in Maria Stein, the son of the late Edward and Johanna Otte Dirksen.

He married Josephine B. Fullenkamp May 23, 1948 in St. John Church, Maria Stein. She survives.

Other survivors include his children: Janet (Leon) Ruhenkamp of Versailles, Bernice (Henry) Albers of McCartyville, Elaine (Dennis) Bruns of St. Sebastian, Delbert (Janice) Dirksen Frenchtown, Mary (Greg) Barhorst Anna, Marilyn (Patrick) Bergman of Versailles, Doris (Mark) Kremer of Versailles, Gabriel (Shirley) Dirksen of Maria Stein and Roseann (Thomas) Wendeln of Minster; 48 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren.

A sister, Erma Dirksen of Coldwater, also survives.

A great-grandchild, three brothers and a sister preceded him in death.

Mr. Dirksen was a member of St. Francis Catholic Church, Cranberry Prairie, Ohio, and the Men's Sodality of the church.

He was a farmer.

Fr. David Hoying celebrated a Mass of Christian Burial, Aug. 9, in St. Francis Church. Burial followed in St. Francis Cemetery.

Hogenkamp Funeral Home handled the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to State of the Heart Hospice and Home Health.