

Ralph S. Droesch

Ralph S. Droesch, age 66, of Versailles, died of natural causes Friday, May 21, 2010, at the Versailles Health Care Center.



He was born on Aug. 18, 1943, at Minster, to the late Camillus and Dorothy (Rosenbeck) Droesch. On June 11, 1966, at Sts. Peter and Paul Church in Newport, Ralph married Constance (Francis) Droesch who survives with two children and their spouses: Michael (Vicki) Droesch of Pataskala and Jennifer (Michael) Lip-pert of Grayslake, Ill.

He also leaves behind two grandsons, Jared and Gabriel Droesch, three sisters and their spouses: Mary Ann (Bob) Hoying of Fort Loramie, Delores (John) Springer of Tipp City and Marlene (Bill) Schrage of Perrysburg; as well as brothers and sisters-in-law: Richard (Carol) Francis of Willowdell, Linda (Jim) Davidson of Versailles and John E. (Nada) Francis of Solon. He was also preceded in death by one brother, Leroy Droesch.

He served in the U.S. Army as a Med Corpsman at Fort Sue Houston, Texas. He attended St. Denis Catholic Church and was a member of the Versailles Fraternal Order of Eagles, the Union City United Auto Workers, and past member of the Piqua Knights of St. John. He graduated with the Minster High School class of 1961. He retired in 2004 from Work Horse of Union City, Ind. He enjoyed fishing, camping and being an avid Ohio State fan.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Wednesday, May 26, 2010, at St. Denis Church in Versailles with Rev. David Vincent presiding. Interment followed at St. Valbert Cemetery. Gehret Funeral Home in Fort Loramie handled the arrangements. Memorials may be made to the Osgood Life Squad or charity of the donor's choice. Condolences may be expressed at www.gehretfuneralhome.com.