

## Joseph L. Eilerman

Joseph L. Eilerman, 81, 17333 Hardiin-Wapak Rd., Botkins, died Friday, March 7, 2003 at St. Rita's Med-

ical Center, Lima.

Mr. Eilerman was born Oct. 4, 1921 in North Star, the son of the late Bernard and Elizabeth Kaiser Eilerman.

He married Oliva Wehrman, Jan. 28, 1948 in Egypt, Ohio. She survives.

Other survivors include sons, John (Jenny) of Wapakoneta and Herbert of Botkins; daughters, Bernadette (Louis) Seger of Piqua, Doris (Clem) Prenger of Harpster, Ohio, and Peg (James) Stang of Russia; 18 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

A sister, Eleanor (Luke) Liette and two brothers, Rev. William Eilerman and Alfred (Joann) Eilerman also survive. Three brothers and a sister preceded him in death.

Mr. Eilerman was a member of Immaculate Conception Church, Botkins.

He belonged to the NFO and he was a retired dairy farmer.

He was a veteran of the 99th Division at the Battle of the Bulge during WWII.

Revs. William Eilerman and Patrick Slonaker celebrated a Mass of Christian Burial March 10 at Immaculate Conception Church. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Hogenkamp Funeral Home, Minster, handled the arrangements.