

George P. Fernandez

George P. Fernandez Sr., 88, of Dorothy Love Retirement Community, 2500 N. Kuther Road, Sidney, died at the retirement community at 11:02 a.m. Thursday, May 3, 2012, of natural causes.

He was born on April 26, 1924, in Honolulu, Hawaii, the son of Emanuel C. and Theolenda Geraldine (Cordiero) Fernandez, and they preceded him in death.

He is survived by six children, George Paul Jr. and wife Myrna of Midland, Mich., John R. of Huntingtown, Md., William J. and wife Denise of Colorado Springs, Colo., Thomas E. and wife Conda of Sidney, M. Catherine Vernon and husband David of Cincinnati, M. Elizabeth Bailey and husband Richard of Fort Loramie; 11 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; several nieces and nephews. Also surviving are three brothers-in-law, Robert (Janet) Hoying and Charles (Marcille) Hoying of Minster, Don (Edna) Hoying of Celina; one sister-in-law, Rita (Louis A.) Hoying of Minster.

He was preceded in death by one sister, Letitia Jones; sister-in-law, Marie A. Hoying; brothers-in-law, Louis A. (Rita) Hoying, James (Irene) Hoying. He married Adele Hoying on May 28, 1949, and she preceded him in death on Nov. 30, 2010. He was born and raised in Hawaii. One of his memories was meeting Babe Ruth. Fernandez and his cousin sat on a bench with Ruth one whole game. Fernandez attended high school at St. Louis College, now called St. Louis High School. Founded in 1848, the all-boys school was staffed with Catholic brothers. In 1944, Fernandez came to the United States mainland. He attended the University of Cincinnati to earn his bachelor's degree in civil engineering. Fernandez worked for Freytag and Associates in Sidney as a civil engineer and licensed surveyor for many years. He was a member of the Sunset Sidney Kiwanis at one time and then the Sidney Noon Kiwanis, served on the Resident Executive Committee at Dorothy Love Retirement Community, was a member of Holy Angels Catholic Church, where he sang in the church choir and was a cantor, and taught at Edison State Community College in Piqua as an engineering teacher.

A Mass of Christian burial was held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 8 at Holy Angels Catholic Church. Burial will be held at a later date at St. Augustine's Cemetery in Minster. Memorial contributions may be made to the Holy Angels Church Choir or the Miami Valley Boy Scouts of America. Condolences may be expressed at www.salmcgillandtangemanfh.com.