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Leo E. Finnen

Leo E. Finnen, age 77, died on July 1, 2009 at the residence of his daughter, Leah, in Minster.

He was born on Sept. 14, 1932 to William and Helen (Stine) Finnen of New Lexington. On July 9, 1960, he married Dorothy Kemper, who preceded him in death on Aug. 2, 2006.

He is survived by his children: Brian (Jody) Finnen of Lima, Darin (Kelly) Finnen of Toledo, Leah (Chris) Ketner of Minster and John Finnen of Minster; as well as eight grandchildren. He also leaves behind siblings George (Marilyn) Finnen of Lancaster, Jerry (Jo) Finnen of North Carolina and Marilyn (Bob) Schumacher of Columbus.

He was a member of St. Augustine Church, FOE 1391 of Minster, Minster Athletic Boosters and a past member of the Jaycees and Crescent Players. He was one of the founding members of the Minster High School Scholarship Fund. He retired as a guidence counselor at Minster High School and previously taught at Marion Local Schools. He was a former Minster football, basketball and baseball coach and drove school bus at Minster for many years.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Monday, July 6, 2009 at St. Augustine with Rev. Rick Nieberding officiating. Memorials may be donated to the Minster High School Scholarship Fund. Hogenkamp Funeral Home in Minster handled the arrangements.