

Carl C. Franzer

Carl C. Franzer, 84, of Maria Stein, died Feb. 6, 2006, at home. Born Feb. 15, 1921 in Carthagen, he was the son of William and Elizabeth (Hess) Franzer. On Oct. 25, 1947, he married Marian (Budde) Franzer of Maria Stein.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers, Leander, Romie and Barney; sister, Mary Guggenbiller; brother-in-laws, Jerome Wente, Mark Knapke, Werner Jutte and Tony Guggenbiller and sister-in-laws, Alvina and Letty Franzer.

Franzer is survived by children, Nick and Mary Franzer of Troy; John and Pat Franzer of Tipp City; Jim and Julie Franzer of West Carrollton; Mark Franzer of Celina; Margie and Larry Wuebker of Fort Loramie; Pat and Larry Benanzer of Versailles; Jean and Bill Garman of Maria Stein and Pam Franzer of St. Henry; sisters, Mildred Wente of Minster; Esther Jutte of Coldwater; Norma Knapke of Cranberry Prairie; sister-in-law, Nell Franzer of Coldwater and numerous grandchildren.

Mr. Franzer was a member of St. John Catholic Church in Maria Stein where he was ordained June 20, 1987 as a deacon, served as a Eucharistic Minister, a CCD teacher, adult mass server, a member of the Men's Sodality of the church and was in uniform rank of the Knights of St. John Commandary 313. He was a past commander of American Legion Post 571 in Maria Stein, a former board member of Mercer County Hospice, on the board of volunteers at Mercer County Community Hospital, on the board of Mercer County Crippled Children and Adults, on the board of St. Peter's Neurological Center and the Community Hospital Chaplaincy Board. He was also a member of the Adoration Guild, a patron of Maria Stein Spiritual Center, a communion distributor at Community Hospital and Celina Manor and a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corp.

Franzer was retired from Avco New Idea.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, Feb. 10, at 10:30 a.m. at St. John Catholic Church in Maria Stein with the Rev. Kenneth Schroeder and Harry Cavanaugh presiding. Burial will follow at St. John Cemetery in Maria Stein with full military rites by the American Legion of Maria Stein.

Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 9, and from 9 to 10 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 10, at Hogenkamp Funeral Home in Minster.

Memorials may be sent to St. Peter Neurological Development Center.

Hogenkamp Funeral Home in Minster handled arrangements.