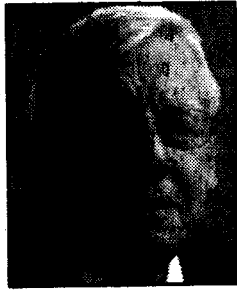


Albert F. Freytag

Albert F. Freytag, 87, of 2233 State Route 362, Minster, died at 10:23 a.m. Wednesday, March 13, 2013, at Joint Township Memorial Hospital in St. Marys.

He was born on Nov. 21, 1925, in Fort Loramie, the son of the late Albert and Amelia (Boerger) Freytag.



He was a 1943 graduate of Fort Loramie High School. He married Marjorie M. "Marj" DeLaet on June 12, 1948, at St. Michael Catholic Church in Fort Loramie, and she survives in Minster.

He is also survived by children, Marge and Wayne Jones of Loveland, Dr. Thomas R. and Gwynne Freytag of Wapakoneta, William J. and Joyce Freytag of Botkins, Joseph R. and Lisa Freytag of Minster; 12 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; two sisters-in-law, Ellen Freytag of Sidney, Anne Freytag of Minster.

He was also preceded in death by a son, Albert F. Freytag Jr.; brothers, Karl and Robert; sisters, Marie Winklejohn, Louis Tebbe, Elsie VanOss, Paula Monahan, Margaret Schrimpf.

He was a member of St. Augustine Catholic Church in Minster, past president of the Minster and Fort Loramie historical societies, and he was a past president of the Minster Civic Association.

He was part of a group that brought quality nursing home care to Minster with the creation of Heritage Manor Nursing Center. He developed the first oversight board for the St. Augustine Catholic Cemetery in Minster.

Concerned that victims of the 1849 cholera epidemic were not being adequately remembered, Mr. Freytag created a monument in the cemetery to honor them. He was the owner and operator of Albert F. Freytag Masonry for more than 40 years, starting the company when he was just 18 years old.

He was justifiably proud of the many churches, schools and private homes his company built in the area. He represented many generations of fine stone and brick masons, beginning in Germany.

In retirement, Mr. Freytag pursued his love of history, especially family history. A born story-teller, he loved to regale children and grandchildren with tales of his childhood. He gathered recollections of his childhood in the autobiographical "Turp & Eb," published in 2002 by the Fort Loramie Historical Association. His most recent work was a biography of his wife's grandfather.

He and his wife, Marj, enjoyed traveling throughout the world, especially in Europe. For many years, he and Marj vacationed in Marco Island, Fla., where they researched her family history.

His biggest passion was his extended family, his children, but most especially his wife, who was the love of his life.

He was an avid horseman and collected antiques of all kinds, including antique carriages.

A Mass of Christian burial was held March 16 at St. Augustine Catholic Church, with the Rev. Rick Nieberding officiating. Burial took place in St. Augustine Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to The Center for Neurological Development.

Condolences may be made at www.hogenkampfh.com.