

Vincent J. "Jim" Gagel

Vincent J. "Jim" Gagel, 86, of Maria Stein, died Wednesday, July 21, 2004 in Otterbein Portage Valley, Ohio, where he had been living since Oct. 2001.

Mr. Gagel was born Nov. 30 1917 in Maria Stein, the son of the late Michael and Catherine Synck Gagel.

He married Theresa Goettemoeller, Oct. 4, 1941. She died July 20, 2003.

Survivors include children: Susan (James) Salm of Newburgh, Ind., Barbara (Anthony) Budde of Bowling Green, Ky., Sarah (Paul) Budde of Evanston, Ill., Joseph (Diane) of Perrysburg, Ohio and Fred (Linda) of Tempe, Ariz.; 14 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

A sister, Vera Barga of Bullard, Texas, also survives.

Mr. Gagel was a member of St. John the Baptist Church, Maria Stein, and the Men's Society of the church. He belonged to the Maria Stein Knights of St. John and he was a founder of Marion Little League. He was on the Mercer County Democratic Central Committee.

His lifetime work was store manager of Gagel Hardware, Maria Stein.

Rev. Harry Cavanaugh celebrated a Mass of Christian Burial, July 24 at St. John Church. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Hogenkamp Funeral Home, St. Henry, handled the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to Otterbein Retirement Communities and Marion Community Foundation.