

## Thomas F. Gaier

Thomas F. Gaier, age 76, of Fort Loramie, died of natural causes Monday, July 5, 2010, while at his lake cottage in Coldwater, Mich.



He was born Dec. 5, 1933 at Fort Loramie to the late August and Esther (Larger) Gaier. On June 30, 1954 at St. Michael Church in Fort Loramie, he married Norma Rose (Drees) Gaier who later passed away on Nov. 4, 2005.

Thomas is survived by three children and their spouses: Donald (Julie) Gaier of Coldwater, Mich., Linda (Eugene) Barhorst of Minster and Tina Gaier of Fort Loramie; five grandchildren: Shawn, Alicia, Jessica, Amanda and Michael; and eight great-grandchildren. He also leaves behind seven siblings and their spouses: Ralph E. Gaier of Fort Loramie, Theodore (Joanne) Gaier of Fort Loramie, August, Jr. (Carol) Gaier of Fort Loramie, Richard (Sue) Gaier of Fort Loramie, Rosemary (Jim) Brussell of Fort Loramie, Kathleen (Joseph) Brinkman of Minster and LeRoy (Lucy) Gaier of Minster; as well as two sisters-in-law, Dolores Gaier of Fort Loramie and Kathy Gaier of Sidney. He was also preceded in death by three brothers: John "Jack," William "Bill," and infant Carl Gaier; and one sister-in-law, Martha Gaier.

Thomas attended St. Michael Catholic Church and had also been a founding member of both, the Fort Loramie Racing Club and Redskin Motor Sports. He was a 1951 graduate of Fort Loramie High School. Thomas retired in 1986 from the former Gaier's Service in Fort Loramie where he had been co-owner since 1960. Since then he continued to work part-time for Fort Loramie Engine Rebuilders where he repaired and built race engines for racers in the tri-state area. Tom enjoyed spending his summers in Coldwater, Mich. He loved fishing, hunting and the company of good friends.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Saturday, July 10, 2010, at the St. Michael Church in Fort Loramie with Rev. Steven Shoup presiding. Interment followed at the St. Michael's Cemetery. Gehret Funeral Home in Fort Loramie handled the arrangements. Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or charity of the donor's choice. Condolences may be expressed at [www.gehretfuneralhome.com](http://www.gehretfuneralhome.com).