Joseph C. Gehret

Joseph C. Gehret, 66, Househlit Road, Yorkshire, died at 5 a.m. Tuesday, March 29, 2005 at Riverside Methodist Hospital, Columbus, Ohio after a brief illness of cancer.

He was born November 24, 1938 at Frenchtown to the late Anna M. (Mueller) and Joseph M. Gehret. He was married on November 16, 1963 at St. Rose Catholic Church to Eva Mae (Piekenbrock) Gehret who survives.

He is also survived by four children, Lynn (Scott) Langston and Lawrence (Mary Gehret, both of Versailles; Connie (Craig) McEldowney, Russia; Carl (Krista) Gehret, Maria Stein; 14 grand-children, Jaime and Devin Langston; Joey, Samantha, Lauren and Adam Gehret; Cayle, Chloe, Colyn, Cole and Grace McEldowney; and Colleen, Jack and Max Gehret.

He is also survived by seven brother and three sisters. Mildred (Virgil Bensman, Versailles; Lawrence (Frances) Gehret, Fort Loramie; Alfred (Rose) Gehret, Fort Loramie; Alfred (Rose) Gehret, Anna; Paul (Bernice) Gehret, North Star; Urban (Irene) Gehret, Versailles; Emma Rita (Dennis) Heitkamp, New Bremen; Edward (Mary Lee) Gehret, Willowdell; Anthony (Madonna) Gehret, Versailles: Cyril (Margie) Gehret, Yorkshire; Mary Ann (John) Kuether, Minster; a brother and sister-in-law, Louis and Mary Ann Grieshop, Versailles; and mother-in-law, Stella Piekenbrock, St. Rose.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Vernon.

He was a veteran of the United States Army and served after the Korean War.

He was a member of St. Nicholas Catholic Church in Osgood; past member of St. Nicholas choir and Men's Sodality; St. Dennis Knights of Columbus; and the American Legion, North Star.

He was a lifetime musician, entertained at nursing homes with the "mom and pops" group and years ago played music with the former Gehret Orchestra.

He retired in after 38 years with Winner's Meats, Osgood in 1998.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, April 1, 2005 at St. Nicholas Catholic Church, Osgood with Rev. David Zink officiating. Burial immediately followed services at St. Martin Cemetery.

Memorials to be directed to The American Heart Association or The American Cancer Society.