

John A. Gephart, Sr.

John A. Gephart Sr., 80, of Newport, died at 11:40 a.m. Monday, April 2, 2007, at the Versailles Health Care Center.



He was born April 9, 1926, in Minster, a son of Frank and Ruth (DeLaet) Gephart, and they preceded him in death.

In 1948, he married his first wife, Mary Demange, and she preceded him in death in 1973. In 1977, he married, Emily Monnier, and she survives him.

He is also survived by two sons, John A. Jr. (Starr) Gephart and Jerrold (Linda) Gephart, both of Newport; a sister, Joyce (Francis) Goubeaux of Russia; a brother-in-law, Bernard Selander of Houston; three grandchildren and their spouses; and nine great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents and first wife, a sister, Jean Selanders, also preceded him in death.

He was a member of Saints Peter and Paul Church in Newport, the Newport Sportsmans Club, F.O.E. 1391 of Minster, C.W.V. of Russia and V.F.W. of Sidney.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army Pacific Theatre during World War II.

He was an antique collector and enjoyed playing cards, hunting and cooking for his friends.

He was retired from Frantz Brothers as a construction, crane and heavy equipment operator for 32 years.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, April 5, 2007, at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Newport with the Rev. Steven Shoup officiating. Burial will follow at the church cemetery.

Calling hours are from 2 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 4, and 9 to 10 a.m. Thursday, April 5, at Hogenkamp Funeral Home in Minster.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Fort Loramie Rescue Squad and Saints Peter and Paul Church.