

## Karl William Gerwels

Karl William Gerwels, age 84, died Sunday, May 2, 2010 at his residence in Minster.

He was born June 26, 1926 to Elmer and Sybil (Kneuffner) Gerwels. On June 1, 1946 he married Marjorie M. Bernard, who preceded him in death on Feb. 14, 2009.

He is survived by a son, Gary Gerwels of Minster, two grandchildren, Carly Gerwels of Minster and Kyle Gerwels of Bellefontaine, a step grandchild Crystal LeVan of Knoxville, Tenn., and great grandchildren: Rebekah and Landen Gerwels and Olivia and Natalie Baum. He is preceded in death by siblings, Wini Dietrich and Elmer Gerwels, Jr.

He was a member of St. Augustine Church in Minster, FOE 1391 in Minster and a life member of the Minster VFW. He was a former member of the Minster Fire Department and retired from Minster Machine Co., after 48 years. He was a Marine Corp. veteran, having served in the Pacific theater in WWII.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on Friday, May 7, 2010 at St. Augustine Church with Rev. Louis Schmidt officiating. Burial will follow at the church cemetery. Friends may call at Hogenkamp Funeral Home in Minster on Thursday, May 6, 2010 from 4 to 7 p.m., and on Friday, May 7, 2010, from 9 to 9:30 a.m. Memorials may be donated to Grand Lake Hospice.