

Ralph D. Grieves

Ralph D. Grieves, 74, of Botkins, died on Thursday, Dec. 31, 2009 at the Joint Township District Memorial Hospital in St. Marys.



He was born on Dec. 21, 1935 in Botkins, the son of Harold and Erma (Howe) Grieves. On March 2, 1957 he married JoAnn Bensman who survives in Botkins.

Other survivors include his children: Kay (Lonnie) Ott of Botkins, Rick Grieves of Anna and Karla (Jerry) Pence of Botkins; his grandchildren: Jason (Erryn) Ott and Josh (Nikki) Ott, both of Wapakoneta, Jessica Pence and Craig Pence both of Botkins, Shannon (Scott) Edwards of Sidney, Nathan Grieves of Dayton and Joe Reed of Botkins. Also surviving are 11 great grandchildren and his brother Gary (Pat) Grieves of Wapakoneta and his sister-in-law Marye Grieves of Russia. Preceding him in death were two sons Steven and Jody and his brothers Richard and Roger Grieves.

He was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Botkins. He retired in 1993 after over 30 years from Ross Aluminum of Sidney. He enjoyed yard work, fishing, taking walks in the park with his grandchildren and great grandchildren and he was an avid Botkins High School Trojan sports fan.

Funeral services were held on Monday, Jan. 4, 2010 at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Botkins with Rev. Pat Sloneker officiating. Burial followed at the Church Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Botkins Park or to the Botkins H.S. Education Fund. Gilberg-Hartwig Funeral Home in New Bremen handled the arrangements.