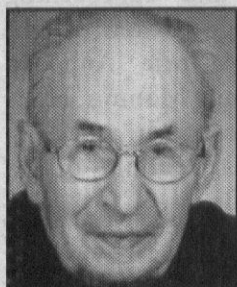


## Francis J. Groff

Francis J. Groff was born on June 13, 1918, and went to his eternal rest on Friday, April 27, 2012.

He was born in North Star, the son of the late Emmanuel & Ella (Mangen) Groff.



He resided the last several years of his life with his daughter, Theresa, in Kettering.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Marie (Knapke) Groff; five brothers, Paul, Val, Dick, Lloyd and Joe Groff; two sisters, Mary Catherine Barga, Florine Schmitz.

He is survived by his daughter, Theresa Groff (Terry Smith) of Kettering; a son, Tim (Cheryl) Groff of Englewood; his grandchildren, Ryan (Courtney) Hart, Joel (Lauren) Hart and Alexandra Hart; his great-grandchildren, Jackson and Lyla Hart; sisters, Dorothy Hemmelgarn of St. Henry, Marcy (Bob) Hare of Troy, Virginia (Bill) May of West Carrollton, Helen (Jim) Russ of Somerset, N.J.; numerous nieces and nephews; his special four-legged grandkids,

He was employed at "The Cash", NCR Co. for 30 years, making that long drive daily to Dayton. Upon "retirement", he went to work at the Elks Golf Course near Celina. In the 1950s, along with Marie, he owned and operated Groff's Groceries in North Star.

He was a member of St. Louis Catholic Church in North Star and the North Star American Legion. He loved to do woodworking and spent many hours making his windmill, candle holders and religious items. Back in the day, he bowled and golfed, always hoping for the perfect 300 game and hole-in-one.

His last six months were difficult because of declining health, but he still loved to play Rum, usually winning, when his "second" set of kids (Dave, Bill, Jim, Charlie, Mark and especially Donna) were there helping him when Theresa was at work. Special thanks also go to his caregivers from Senior Helpers, Jermaine Clark and Ison Ison.

Hogenkamp Funeral Home - St. Henry is handling the arrangements.

A Mass of Christian burial was held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 2 at St. Louis Catholic Church in North Star. Burial with military honors followed in St.