

Raymond B. Heilers

Raymond B. Heilers, 89, of North Hamilton Street in Minster and formerly of Ohio 119, Anna, died at 11:20 p.m. Monday, July 17, 2006, at Heritage Manor Nursing Home, Minster, where he had been a resident for one year. Death was due to natural causes.

He was born June 12, 1917, at Fort Loramie to Bernard and Victoria (Gaier) Heilers, who preceded him in death.

He married Alma Eleanor (Poepelman) on June 12, 1945, at Sacred Heart Church in McCartyville, and she survives.

Also surviving are nine children and spouses: Barbara (Jerry) Schoen, Fort Recovery; Jim (Irene Riethman) Heilers, St. Marys; Ron (Barb Bryan) Heilers, Houston; Myra Jean (Jim) Cunningham of Mars, Pa.; Dave Heilers, Sidney; Rick Heilers, Sidney; Patti (Mike) Williamson, Anna; Sharon Heilers, Piqua; and Jolene (Randy) Ahlers, Fort Loramie.

Also surviving are 23 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Mildred Dudley, Phoenix, Ariz., and Jeanne (Dale) Egbert, Botkins; and two brothers, Anthony "Chick" (Theresa) Heilers, Houston, Texas, and Victor (Betty) Heilers), McKinney, Texas.

Preceding him in death were his parents; two brothers, Albert and Clarence "Bud" Heilers; and four sisters, Clementine Boomer, Madge Molla, Wilhemina Roethlisberger and infant Mary Heilers.

He was a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in McCartyville and Saint Patrick Knights of Columbus for 70 years.

Mr. Heilers retired in 1981 from G&W Tool and Die, where he had worked for 21 years. He was also engaged in farming all of his working life.

A Mass of Christian burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, July 22, 2006, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, McCartyville, with the Rev. Pat Welsh officiating.

Burial will follow at Sacred Heart Church Cemetery.

Viewing is Friday from 2 to 8 p.m. and Saturday from 9 to 9:45 a.m. at the Gehret Funeral Home, Fort Loramie.

Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.