

Thomas H. Heitbrink

Thomas H. Heitbrink, of Chickasaw, died on Oct. 18, 2009 at Good Samaritan Hospital in Dayton. He was 84 years old.



He was born Dec. 21, 1924 to the late Anthony and Josephine (Dahlinghaus) Heitbrink. On Sept. 4, 1948 he married Betty Meiring, who preceded him in death on Aug. 17, 2008.

He is survived by his children, Janet Nelson of St. Sebastian and Robert (Marian) Heitbrink of Chickasaw, as well as eight grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. He also leaves behind a sister Lorena Vagedes of Philothea and three sisters-in-law, Mary, Velma and Bertha Heitbrink. He is preceded in death by his siblings: Cornelius Heitbrink, Isabelle Heuker, Mary Ann Vehorn, Cletus Heitbrink and Harold Heitbrink.

He was a member of Precious Blood Church and a former member of the Chickasaw Fire Department from 1949 till 1978, serving as fire chief for 25 years. He was a past officer of the Mercer County Fireman's Association, Chickasaw Town Council member and the Pontiac Oakland Club. He mowed the Chickasaw ball diamonds for 15 years and retired from Chickasaw Garage, where he worked as the mechanic and manager for 64 years.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Wednesday, Oct. 21, 2009 at Precious Blood Church with Rev. Gene Schnipke officiating. Hogenkamp Funeral Home in Minster handled the arrangements. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Chickasaw Fire Department.