Ernest J. Heitkamp

Ernest J. Heitkamp, age 85 of Coldwater, passed away at 10:35 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2011 at Heritage Manor in Minster.

He was born Aug. 30, 1925 in Bowling Green to Anthony and Rose (Fullenkamp) Heitkamp.

On May 13, 1950 he married Rose (Prenger), and she died Oct. 1, 2006.

He is survived by three children, Gayle and Don Heitkamp of London, Peg and Jim Schmiesing of Minster and Mark and Beth Heitkamp of Cincinnati; a son-in-law, Dan Golden of Flower Mound, Texas; 10 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; three sisters, Linda Wenning of Coldwater, Mary and Paul Sudhoff of Madison, Ind. and Rosemary Lehman of Dayton; three brothers, Eugene Heitkamp of Chickasaw, Arnold and Nancy Heitkamp of New Bremen and Gilbert and Marilyn Heitkamp of Tipp City; a sister-in-law, Luella Heitkamp of Ludlow Falls, and a brother-in-law, Harold Staugler of Dayton.

He is preceded in death by his wife and parents, a daughter, Elaine Golden; sisters, Mary Louise Heitkamp, Annette Haley and Celesta Staugler; a brother, Ken Heitkamp and brothers-in-law, Russell Haley, Frances Wenning and Gene Lehman.

He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the US Navy. He was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church, the Chickasaw VFW and worked at DP&L for more than 30 years.

Mass of Christian Burial was held on Monday, Feb. 14, 2011 at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Coldwater. Burial followed in St. Elizabeth Cemetery in Coldwater.

Condolences may be left at hogenkampfh.com.