

Roger R. Heitkamp

Roger R. Heitkamp, 65, of Monterey Drive, Fort Loramie, passed away on Friday morning, Nov. 25, 2011, at Wilson Memorial Hospital in Sidney.

He was born on June 29, 1946, in Celina, the son of Clarence and Lorena (Riethman) Heitkamp, and they preceded him in death.



On Oct. 4, 1969, at St. Michael Church in Fort Loramie, he married Margaret "Peg" (Barlage) Heitkamp, and she survives.

He is also survived by five children, Lisa and Phil Meyer of McCartyville, Denise and Brian Elliott of Anna, Doug and Kristin Heitkamp of Fort Loramie, Mike and Vera Heitkamp of Anna, Lori and AJ Chalk of New Knoxville; 15 grandchildren, Amanda, Nikki, Travis and Bryce Meyer, Derek, Carter, Colson and Lexi Elliott, Corynn, Riley, Ariel and Elijah Heitkamp, Trey, Victoria and Maria Heitkamp; three sisters, Carol and Tom Buschur of New Bremen, Elaine and Steve Barga of West Milton, Lois and Dale Kennedy of Botkins; brother and sisters-in-law, Richard Wehrman of Fort Loramie, Bea Barlage of Houston, Dodie Barlage of Dayton, Marge Barlage of Dayton.

A 1964 graduate of Anna High School, he served in the U.S. Army and was stationed in Germany for 18 months during the Vietnam War. He was recently retired from Trupointe, formerly known as Minster Farmers, where he had been employed for 46.5 years. He attended St. Michael Catholic Church and was a retired member of St. Michael Cemetery Board. He served one term as a McLean Township trustee, and was a member of the Fort Loramie Athletic Booster Club. Years ago, he served on the founding track committee. Roger was a "16-plus" gallon blood doner. An avid sports fan, his favorite teams to watch were the Reds, Bengals, Buckeyes and UD Flyers. He also enjoyed following his children's and grandchildren's school and sports activities. Years ago, he had been a frequent bowler.

A Mass of Christian burial was held at 11 a.m. Nov. 30, at St. Michael Church in Fort Loramie, with the Rev. Steven Shoup officiating. Interment followed at St. Michael's Cemetery, with military honors by the Army Honor Guard.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Fort Loramie Fire Department, or to the Fort Loramie Rescue Squad. Condolences may be expressed at www.gehretfuneralhome.com.