

Ernest "Ernie" Hemmelgarn

Ernest "Ernie" Hemmelgarn, 77, of 3014 State Rte. 119, St. Henry, died at 9:06 a.m. Tuesday, June 21, 2005 at his residence.

He was born November 22, 1927 at Wendelin to the late Henry and Amelia (Stammen) Hemmelgarn. He was married September 17, 1955 at St. Henry to Mary Ann (Thieman) Hemmelgarn who survives.

He is survived by four sons, Phil (Terri) Hemmelgarn, Muncie, Ind.; Jerry (Janet) Hemmelgarn, Pat (Gloria) Hemmelgarn and Chuck (Lori) Hemmelgarn all of St. Henry; three daughters, Teresa (Brad Burckholter, Celina; Marie (Joe) Pottkotter and Marilyn (Les) Pottkotter both of Fort Recovery; 26 grandchildren, 2 step-grandchildren; and two great grandchildren.

He is also survived by two brothers, Urban Hemmelgarn, Coldwater; Andrew (Velma) Hemmelgarn, St. Henry; three sisters, Marcella Bailey, Dayton; Flora Dippold, Cassella; Agnes Miller, Brookville; and brother in law, Martin and Graye Harmuth, Dayton.

He was preceded in death by one grandchild, two brothers, Cletus and Cyril; two sisters, Rita Harmuth and Elizabeth Hemmelgarn; two sisters in law, Agnes and Clara Hemmelgarn; three brothers in law, Cyril Dippold, Ralph Miller, Melvin Bailey.

He was a member of St. Wendelin Catholic Church, Men's Society of the Parish, Knights of Columbus, St. Henry, Past Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus and a member of S.O.A.R.

He was a communion distributor at the church, an usher, a choir member and a Rosary leader.

He had retired from farming and after 45 years retired from Avco New Idea, Coldwater.

Services were held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, June 24, 2005 at St. Wendelin Catholic Church with Fr. Tony Fortman officiating. Burial followed in St. Wendelin Cemetery.

Memorials were directed to the Cancer Association of Mercer County, Parkinson's Research, and State of the Heart, Home Health and Hospice.