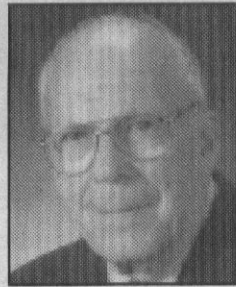


Charles G. Heidl, 85, of Maria Stein, passed away at 12:25 a.m. Monday, Dec. 19, 2011, at his home.

He was born on Jan. 8, 1926 in Wapakoneta, the son of the late Anthony and Cora (Fisher) Heidl.

On July 15, 1950, he married Rita (Menker) in Maria Stein, and she survives in Maria Stein.



He is also survived by two sons, John and Sheila Heidl of New Carlisle, Mark and Sandra Heidl of Coldwater; a brother, Larry Heidl of Minster; three sisters, Joan Heckman, Alice Kuehner, Barbara and Dennis Meyer, all of Minster; seven grandchildren, Matthew Heidl, Hannah Heidl, Joshua Heidl, Ashlee and Matthew Botkin, Mark Heidl II, Cassandra Heidl, Spencer Heidl; two great-grandchildren, Izaak Botkin, Kynlee Botkin; two sisters-in-law, Lucille and Don Heric of Maria Stein, Ruth Stammen of New Weston.

He was also preceded in death by his stepmother, Edith (Wehrle); a brother, Fr. David Heidl; two sisters, Mary Angela Heidl, Hilda Morsey; three brothers-in-law, Irwin Morsey, Bob Heckman, Tom Kuehner; sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Lawrence Stammen, Irene and Paul Kleinhenz, Joe Kleinhenz, Alice Menker, Mary Ann Menker.

He was a member of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Maria Stein and its men's society, and he was a past president of the Knights of St. John, uniform rank. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving on the USS Gambier Bay during World War II. He was the founder, former president, treasurer and secretary of the USS Gambier Bay CVE 73 VC 10 Association. He was a member of the Maria Stein American Legion Post 571, where he was a former commander and member of the color guard. He was a member of the Chickasaw VFW Post 9019, where he was also a former commander. He received the Distinguished Developer Award in 2001 from the Marion Community Development Organization, was a member of the Minster Eagles 1391 and was a former licensed private pilot. He was the owner/operator of the former Heidl Grocery in Maria Stein for 30 years and was retired from Crown Controls.

A Mass of Christian burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 22, at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Maria Stein, with the Rev. Tom Brenberger officiating. Burial will follow in St. John Cemetery in Maria Stein with military rites.

Visitation will be held from 9 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. Thursday at the Hogenkamp Funeral Home in Coldwater. Memorial contributions may be directed to State of the Heart Hospice. Condolences may be left at Hogenkampfh.com.