Richard H. Hilgefort

Richard H. Hilgefort, 72, Monterey Drive, Fort Loramie, died on Friday, September 15, 2006, in the late morning at 19 E. Park Street, Fort Loramie of an apparent accident at his workshop.

He was born on October 31, 1933 in Sidney to

Lena R. (Gaier) and Henry C. Hilgefort.

On April 11, 1956 at St. Nicholas Catholic Church, Osgood he married Joan E. (Rethman)

Hilgefort and she survives.

He is also survived by three sons, one daughter (and spouses): Randall (Rita) Hilgefort, Farmersville; Jeanne (Robert) Hoying; Steven (Stacey) Hilgefort, Fort Loramie; Jason Hilgefort, Rotterdam, Netherlands; five grandchildren: Amber and Hannah Hoying, Joel, Lindsey and Maeve Hilgefort, Fort Loramie; one sister and husband, Mary (Cletus) Schmiesing, Fort Loramie.

He was preceded in death by his parents and

two brothers, Henry and Robert Hilgefort.

Mr. Hilgefort was a member of St. Michael Catholic Church, Fort Loramie where he had been an usher for numerous years and Minster Fraternal Order of Eagles Lodge #1391.

He retired in 1989 from the Crane Operators Union where he had been involved with many bridge and highway construction projects in the

Dayton and surrounding areas.

In addition to his work, Rich enjoyed agricul-

ture and morning coffee at Esther's.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Tuesday, September 19 at St. Michael Catholic Church, Fort Loramie with Rev. Steven Shoup officiating. Burial followed at St. Michael's Cemetery, Fort Loramie.

Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of donor's choice.