

Cletus Henry Homan

Cletus Henry Homan, 87, of Coldwater, passed away at 4:15 p.m., Thursday, June 21, 2007, at Briarwood Manor Nursing Home.

He was born Dec. 24, 1919, in Philothea, a son of Joseph and Mary (Osterholt) Homan, and they preceded him in death.

On May 17, 1986, he married Lillian (Will) Gaerke in Coldwater, and she survives him. He first married Viola Mary (Homan) in St. Anthony, and she preceded him in death on Jan. 13, 1984.

He is survived by three sons, David (Joan) Homan of Hoagland, Ind., Alvin (Eileen) Homan of Minster, Gary (Jane) Homan of St. Henry; two daughters, Laura (Thomas) Behr of Sidney, Sandra (Richard) Clune of Celina; six step-sons, Gary Gaerke of Coldwater, Dennis (Andrea) Gaerke of Waterford, Mich., David (Cynthia) Gaerke of Coldwater, Nicholas (Janice) Gaerke of Centerville, Terry (Phyllis) Gaerke of Coldwater, Leonard (Lucy) Gaerke of Coldwater; two step-daughters, Linda (Allen) Lefeld of Coldwater, Marlene (James) Balster of St. Henry; three sisters, Anna Evers of St. Henry, Juletta (Linus) Huelskamp of Fort Recovery, Cleopha (Aloys) Link of Fort Recovery; two brothers-in-law, Jerome (Doris Ann) Will of Celina, the Rev. Ron Will of Centerville, Iowa; three sisters-in-law, Marcella Homan of St. Henry, Melinda Will of Stockton, Calif., Dolores Homan of McCartyville; 15 grandchildren, 23 step-grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and nine step-great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents and first wife, two brothers, Arnold and Paul; a sister-in-law, Irene Homan; two brothers-in-law, Florence Evers and Virgil Will and a stepdaughter, Lou Ann Gaerke, also preceded him in death.

He was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church and a permanent deacon since Sept. 28, 1991. He belonged to Knights of Columbus Council 2460 in St. Henry, St. Gasper Del Buffalo 4th Degree Knights of Columbus in Minster and Holy Name Society of St. Marys in Philothea.

He was a farmer, Mercer County Farm Bureau Youth Counselor, CCD teacher for 39 years, lector and eucharistic minister at Community Hospital and a hospice volunteer.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Tuesday, June 26, 2007, at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, with the Rev. Ron Will officiating. Burial followed at St. Marys Cemetery in Philothea.

Hogenkamp Funeral Home in Coldwater was in

charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be directed to State of the Heart Home Health and Hospice in Coldwater.

Online condolences may be expressed at www.hogenkampfh.com.