

Kenneth L. Kessen

Kenneth L. Kessen, age 82, of 534 S. Fourth St., Coldwater, died at 12:35 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 5, 2011 at Briarwood Village, Coldwater.



He was born June 17, 1928 in Coldwater, to Peter and Alvina (Schneider) Kessen.

On July 3, 1951 he married Lucille (Heitkamp) in St. Henry, and she died Sept. 16, 2004.

He is survived by five children, Judy (Ron) Roessner and Jerry (Joan) Kessen, both of Coldwater, Cindy (Randy) Bennett of Celina, Shirley (Kenny) Dammeyer of St. Marys, and Michele (Jerry) Hirsch of Celina; seven grandchildren, Miranda (Matt) Knapke, Kelly (Allen) Hartings, Jared (Michelle) Roessner, Kristina (Zach) Pohlman, Keith (Michelle) Kessen, Zachary Hirsch and Cayden Hirsch; six great-grandchildren, Ryan Knapke, Jenna Knapke, Jacob Hartings, Justin Hartings, Brayden Pohlman and Breanna Pohlman; a brother, Leroy (Phyllis) Kessen of Coldwater, and brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Ivo (Millie) Heitkamp and Thelma Heitkamp, both of St. Henry, Mary Alice (Julius) Ahrens of Maria Stein, Joan Reigelsperger, Roseann (Ivo) Schmidt and Alvan (Linda) Heitkamp, all of Coldwater, Dorothy (Art) Brunswick of Beavercreek, Charlene (Don) Mike-sell of Greenville, Ruth Frantz of Kettering, and Dan Heitkamp of Dayton.

He is preceded in death by his wife and parents, a brother, Ralph Kessen and three brothers-in-law, Louis Reigelsperger, Louis Heitkamp and Lavern Heitkamp.

He retired from the former New Idea Plant in Coldwater after 47 years.

He was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church, the Coldwater American Legion, VFW and Knights of Columbus, was an avid bowler and a member of the Coldwater Eagles where he was a past president, served as treasurer for 35 years and bartended for more than 35 years. He was also a member of the Celina Moose Lodge.

Mass of Christian Burial was held on Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2011 at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Coldwater. Burial followed in St. Elizabeth Cemetery, Coldwater.

Condolences may be left at hogenkampfh.com.