

### **John A. Knapke**

John A. Knapke, 78, 12 S. Eastmoor Ct., New Bremen, died Thursday, Dec. 16, 2004 in Joint Township District Memorial Hospital Emergency Room as the result of an automobile accident.

Mr. Knapke was born Sept. 20, 1926 in Celina, the son of the late Joseph and Ethel Howick Knapke.

He married Mary Ann Schulze, Oct. 26, 1949 in Osgood. She survives.

Other survivors include a son Steven (Lien) of Beaverton, OR, and a daughter Joyce (Joseph) Magateaux of Versailles; two grandchildren and two step grandchildren and two step great-grandchildren.

Three brothers and one sister preceded him in death.

Mr. Knapke was a member of Holy Redeemer Church, New Bremen, and the New Bremen American Legion. He also belonged to the Osgood American Legion and the Minster Eagles, and he was past president and an active member of the New Bremen Senior Citizens.

He had retired in 1990 from Minster Machine Company.

Rev. Thomas Mannebach celebrated a Mass of Christian Burial, Dec. 22, at Holy Redeemer Church. Burial followed in St. Martin Cemetery, Osgood, with military honors by the American Legion.

Hogenkamp Funeral Home, Minster, handled the arrangements.