

Lawrence Kohnen

Lawrence "Charlie" Kohnen, 79, formerly of 153 S. Cleveland St., Minster, died Sunday, Sept. 28, 2003 in Versailles Health Care Center.

Mr. Kohnen was born July 13, 1924 in St. Henry, the son of the late Leo and Frances Nieport Kohnen.

He married Esther B. Poeppelman, April 29, 1950. She preceded him in death, April 25, 2000.

Survivors include seven daughters: Janice (Richard) Eilerman of Fort Loramie, Peggy (Eric) McPherson of Snohomish, Wash., Linda (Bob) Brown of Wapakoneta, Nancy (Charles) Betts of Granville, Ohio, Carol (Patrick) Gilles of Pawcatuck, Conn., Judy (Don) Twitty of Groton, Conn. and Jane (Stuart) Fankhauser of Chandler, Ariz.; and 17 grandchildren.

Brothers Norbert (Evelyn) of Celina and Tony (Flora) of Dayton and a sister Rosemary Wendeln of Wapakoneta, also survive.

Two sisters preceded him in death.

Mr. Kohnen was a member of St. Augustine Church, Minster. He belonged to the Minster Eagles No. 1391 and the Minster Knights of Columbus.

He was a Watkins distributor and the owner of Kohnen Snack Foods. He was retired from Minster Machine Co.

A mass of Christian Burial was held Oct. 1 in St. Augustine Church. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Hogenkamp Funeral Home, Minster, handled the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association or State of the Heart Home Health & Hospice.