

Urban Kramer

Urban Kramer, 84, of Minster, died at 9:15 a.m., Thursday, Aug. 30, 2007, in Minster, following an extended illness.



He was born June 4, 1923, in Cassella, a son of Frank and Rosalena (Bergman) Kramer.

On Dec. 6, 1944, he married Mary E. Utz in Minster, and she survives.

He is also survived by his two sons, Larry (Diana) Kramer of St. Marys, Robert (Susan) Kramer of New Bremen; a daughter, Kathie (Robert) Teague of New Bremen; three brothers, Victor (Verene) Kramer of Osgood, Leroy (Doris) Kramer of Newport, Richard (Doris) Kramer of Fort Loramie; four sisters, Alvera (Paul) Marchal of Versailles, Esther (Norman) Marchal of Fort Loramie, Irma (the late John) Fleck of Coldwater, Virginia (Ernest) Poeppelman of Yorkshire; nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, a son, James Kramer; two brothers, Alfred and Alvin; and a sister, Leona, also preceded him in death.

He was a member of St. Augustine Catholic Church, Minster F.O.E. 1391, American Legion Post 387 of Minster, and the Buckeye Sheriff's Association.

He was a graduate of Minster High School, Chaffee College in Ontario, Calif. and the United States Army Officers Training School in Victorville, Calif. He served his country in the Army Air Corps-Air Transport Command during World War II.

He had been a member of the Minster Fire Department since the early 1950s, and an Auglaize County Deputy Sheriff for more than 50 years, serving under four sheriffs, Robert Davidson, James Knoch, Larry Longworth and Al Solomon.

He worked 35 years at Stamco in New Bremen and was secretary of the Steel Workers Union.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Wednesday, Sept. 5, 2007, at St. Augustine Catholic Church in Minster, with the Rev. Rick Nieberding officiating. Internment followed at St. Augustine Cemetery in Minster with full military honors presented by the Minster Firing Squad.

Hogenkamp Funeral Home in Minster was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorials may be directed to the Sheriff's Auxiliary or Minster Fire Department.

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