

Arthur Ranly

Arthur Ranly, 78, of Maria Stein, died Saturday, Aug. 16, 2003 in Briarwood Nursing Home.

Mr. Ranly was born Dec. 25, 1925 in Cassella, the son of the late Peter and Sophia Speck Ranly.

He married Eileen Link, April 29, 1950 in Cranberry Prairie, Ohio. She survives.

Other survivors include sons: John (Janice) of Cassella, Jeffery (Barbara) of Riverside, Ohio, Joel (Sherri) of St. Henry, Martin (Carol) of Richland, Mich., Matthew (Beth) of Minster and Jason (Becky) of Maria Stein; daughters: Kathleen (Leon) Homan of New Bremen, Peg (Steve) Hirsch of Massillon, Ohio, and Lisa (Terry) Moeller of Cassella; 29 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Brothers, Paul (Marie) of Minster, Orville (Alma) of Philothea, Fr. Ernest of Lima, Peru, and Donald (Joan) of Columbia, Mo.; and sisters, Sr. Theresa Joseph Ranly of Cincinnati, Lucille (Ben) Droesch of Chickasaw, Rita (Ray) Flaute of Cassella, and Ella Mae (Ralph) Liette of Chickasaw, also survive.

Two daughters, four brothers and three sisters preceded him in death.

Mr. Ranly was a member of Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Church, and the Men's Sodality of the Church.

He was past commander of the Maria Stein American Legion and past district leader. He was a member of the firing squad.

He belonged to the Catholic Knights of America, Cassella, and was a former national board member. He was the charter president of the Coldwater Kiwanis Club.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy who served in WWII.

He was the editor and publisher, retired, of the Mercer County Chronicle.

Fr. Ernest Ranly celebrated a Mass of Christian Burial at Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Church, Aug. 20, and burial followed in the church cemetery with military honors by the Maria Stein American Legion. Hogenkamp Funeral Home, Coldwater, handled the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to State of the Heart Home Health and Hospice.