

Paul E. Richard

Paul E. Richard, age 83, of Sidney, died Saturday, March 13, 2010 at his home of natural causes after an extended illness.



He was born Dec. 19, 1926, near Russia, to the late Leo A. and Josephine A. (Watrin) Richard. On Aug. 2, 1952 at the former St. Patrick Catholic Church in St. Patrick, Paul married Ruth E. (Luthman) Richard who survives.

He is also survived by 11 children and their spouses: Donald Richard of McCartyville, Susan (Gary) Schulze of Russia, Jeanne (Craig) Inman of McCartyville, Edward (Cathy) Richard of Minster, Sharon (James) Butz of Piqua, William (Jaynie) Richard of Troy, David (Sonja) Richard of McCartyville, Michael (Christina) Richard of McCartyville, Thomas (Traci) Richard of Minster, Jack Richard of McCartyville and Patricia (Travis) Lawson of Sidney; as well as 37 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. He also leaves behind four siblings: Mary Margaret Ecabert of Versailles, Florence (Robert) Bruns of St. Henry, Theresa (Ben) Arkenberg of Fort Loramie and Eugene (Dorothy) Richard of Versailles; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by one son, Gary Richard, one grandson, Blake Richard, and nine siblings: Marie, Floyd, Wilma, Cletus, Rita, Lewis, Leroy, Robert and Rosemary.

He served in the U.S. Army during WWII. Paul attended Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church and was a member of the Knights of Columbus Commander No. 5239 and the Shelby County Right to Life. He had been retired from LeRoi / Dresser Industries.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Wednesday, March 17, 2010 at the Sacred Heart of Jesus Church in McCartyville with Rev. John W. Tonkin presiding. Gehret Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Memorials may be made for Masses in Paul's name or the Shelby County Right to Life. Condolences may be expressed at www.gehretfuneralhome.com.