

## Marinus W. Ruschau

Marinus W. Ruschau, 91, 312 Park Blvd., Versailles, Ohio, died Thursday, April 24, 2003 in Versailles Health Care Center.

Mr. Ruschau was born Nov. 23, 1911 in Cassella, the son of the late Bernard and Catherine Buehler Ruschau.

He married Irene Heitkamp Oct. 28, 1939. She preceded him in death Nov. 30, 2002.

Survivors include sons: Robert (Joan) of Versailles and Allen (Carol) of Tipp City; daughters: Carolyn (Joe)

Steiger of Zanesville, Donna Phillips of Rochester, N.Y. and Cindy (Richard) Sowell of Lambertville, Mich.; 12 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

Brothers Wilfred (Luella) of Dayton and Jim (Pauline) of St. Marys and sister Mary Catherine Riethman of Minster also survive. Five brothers preceded him in death.

Mr. Ruschau was a member of St. Denis Catholic Church, Versailles. He belonged to the Versailles Rotary Club and was past president in 1963-64, as well as being a Paul Harris Fellowship recipient. He was a member of the Knights of St. John, Catholic Order of Forresters, Versailles Fraternal Order of Eagles. He was on the Yorkshire Village Council for 25 years and he was a member of the St. Nicholas Choir for many years. He was a board member and founding member of the Versailles Senior Citizens Center.

He enjoyed woodworking.

Mr. Ruschau worked at Frigidaire in Dayton for 10 years, owned and operated a grocery store in Yorkshire for 11 years and was an independent insurance agent for 20 years.

Fr. David Vincent celebrated a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Denis Church, April 28. Burial followed in St. Valbert Cemetery, Versailles.

Bailey Zechar Funeral Home, Versailles, handled the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Versailles Life Squad.