

### **Joseph Albert Schafer**

Joseph Albert Schafer, 86, of Fort Loramie, died Sunday, March 19, 2006 at Wilson Memorial Hospital in Sidney of natural causes.

He was born Feb. 24, 1920 in Shelby County to the late Frank and Josephine (Riethman) Schafer. On Oct. 16, 1947, he married Esther (Barlage) Schafer and she survives.

Mr. Schafer is also survived by his children, Carol and Tom Henke of Minster and Ken Schafer of Fort Loramie; his siblings, Emma Grilliot of Piqua, Jerome and Doris Schafer of Russia, Dorothy and Romie Buehler of McCartyville, Virginia and Joe Brandewie of Minster; a sister-in-law, Marty Schafer of Fort Loramie; and a brother-in-law, Jack Siler of Pleasant Hill; two grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Elmer and Ben Schafer; four sisters, Irene Monnin, Clara Harris, Madella Goldschmidt and Velma Siler; and an infant sister, Alvina Schafer.

A U.S. Army veteran of World War II, Mr. Schafer retired from Schafer Dairy Farms where he had been a milk truck driver for more than 40 years. He was a member of St. Michael Catholic Church and a 61-year member of the Fort Loramie American legion Post 355. He was an ardent fisherman.

Funeral services will be held Friday, March 24, 2006, at St. Michael Catholic Church in Fort Loramie with the Rev. Steven Shoup officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery with full military honors by the Fort Loramie American Legion.

Friends may call Thursday, March 23, from 3-8 p.m. and on Friday from 9-10 a.m. at Gehret Funeral Home in Fort Loramie.

Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.