

Cletus N. Schmiesing

Cletus N. Schmiesing, age 85 of Fort Loramie, died at his residence on Thursday April 1, 2010. He lost a battle to cancer which he fought for well over a year.



He was born in Minster on July 26, 1924 to John and Rose (Sommer) Schmiesing.

Clete is survived by his current wife Mary (Hilgefort-Pleiman) Schmiesing, whom he married on Nov. 23, 1979. Also surviving are his 13 sons and daughters: Barbara (Dennis) Marchal of Springboro, Gerald (Cynthia) Schmiesing of Sidney, Eunice (Michael) Ernst of Minster, William (Gladys) Schmiesing of Piqua, David (Diane) Schmiesing of Springboro, Jane (Lawrence) Henderson of Craig, Colo., Diane (Dennis) Hoying of Troy, Richard (Cynthia) Schmiesing of Sidney, Frederick (Rebecca) Schmiesing of Minster, Mark (Brenda) Schmiesing of Sidney, Ronald (Lori) Schmiesing of Houston, Pamela (Thomas) Kerrigan of Sidney and Jo Schmiesing of Piqua; as well as two step sons, Ronald (Patricia) Pleiman of Ft. Loramie and Gary (Karen) Pleiman of Sidney, two brothers Harvey and John Schmiesing, both of Minster, one sister Neoma Hoying of St. Henry, 29 grandchildren, 51 great grandchildren, six step grandchildren and seven step great grandchildren. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his first wife, Janet (Glynn) Schmiesing on April 30, 1978, whom he married on Nov. 7, 1946, son Cletus, Jr., on July 29, 1959, two sisters, Edna Enneking and Alma Boerger and three brothers Leonard, Walter and Edwin.

Clete was a 1942 graduate Minster High School, and attended The Ohio State University. He and his family owned and operated a dairy and pork farm in Shelby County and belonged to many farm organizations. He also worked at Ross Foundry until 1963 and then for Hoying and Hoying Construction until he retired. He was a past member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church of McCartyville and a current member of St. Michael Catholic Church of Ft. Loramie. He and his first wife, Janet, were active choir members. He was a lifetime member of the Knights of Columbus, a former state officer and past Grand Knight of McCartyville-St. Patrick Council #5236. He was also a member of the St. Gaspar Del Bufalo Assembly 825 4th degree Knights of Columbus in Minster and past officer of that organization as well. Clete enjoyed dancing with his first wife, Janet as well as current wife Mary. He and Mary even became instructors to other couples who shared their enthusiasm for dance. He enjoyed spending time on woodworking projects and made many things as Christmas gifts for his 15 children and step children each year. He enjoyed playing cards and spending time with his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Tuesday, April 6, 2010, at St. Michael Catholic Church in Ft. Loramie, with Rev. Steven Shoup officiating. Hogenkamp Funeral Home in Minster handled the arrangements. The family requests memorial contributions be made to Grand Lake Hospice Care, Shelby County Cancer Society, St. Vincent DePaul Society, the Epilepsy Foundation of Western Ohio or the charity of their choice. Condolences may be made at www.hogenkampfh.com.