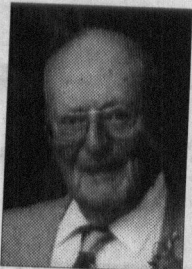


Melvin H. Schmiesing

Melvin H. Schmiesing, 87, died on Sunday, Jan. 3, 2010 at his residence in Minster.



He was born June 19, 1922 to Louis and Elizabeth (Timmerman) Schmiesing of Egypt. On April 27, 1946 he married Pauline Bender, who survives him.

He is also survived by his children: David (Marcile) Schmiesing of Minster, Jane Guthrie of Dayton, Gary (Cindy) Schmiesing of Portland, Ind., Karen (Dale) Topp of Anna, Mary (Thomas) Jutte of Celina and Edna (Donald) Kremer of Chickasaw; as well as 18 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. He was the last of his family, preceded in death by his siblings: Wilbur Schmiesing, Eugene Schmiesing, Alvira Boeke, Romilda Reigelsperger and Dolores VanWinkle. He also leaves behind a brother-in-law Olley VanWinkle.

He was a member of St. Augustine Catholic Church in Minster, F.O.E. 1391 in Minster and a former member of the K of C in Minster. He retired in 1992 as a self-employed milk hauler, and was an avid gardener and fisherman.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 8, 2010 at St. Augustine with Rev. Rick Nieberding officiating. Burial will follow at the church cemetery. Friends may call at Hogenkamp Funeral Home in Minster on Thursday, Jan. 7, 2010 from 2 to 8 p.m., and on Friday, Jan. 8, 2010 from 9 to 9:30 a.m. Memorials may be contributed to Grand Lake Home Health.