

Thursday, May 22, 2008

## Ernest Schmitmeyer

Ernest Schmitmeyer, 78, of St. Henry, died Friday, May 16, 2008, at Community Hospital in Coldwater.

He was born Aug. 4, 1929, in St. Sebastian, to the late Bernard and Agatha (Albers) Schmitmeyer. On Jan. 6, 1951 he married Alma Dirksen.



He is survived by ten children: John (Marlene) Schmitmeyer of Versailles, Pat (Cathy) Schmitmeyer of Celina, Joe (Linda) Schmitmeyer of Versailles, Bob (Mary) Lou Schmitmeyer of Maria Stein, Marilyn (Ron) Poeppelman of Fort Loramie, Ann (Paul)

Barhorst of Anna, Lois (Dave) Schwieterman of Celina, Jean (John) Homan of New Bremen, Linda (Kevin) Muhlenkamp of Bryant, Ind. and Steve (Karen) Schmitmeyer of Maria Stein; as well as 57 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren. He also leaves behind seven brothers and sisters: Luke (Mildred) Schmitmeyer of Coldwater, Marian (Greg) Evers of Saint Henry, Sr. Lucille Schmitmeyer of Tiffin, Eunice (Willard) Dahlinghaus of Minster, Martin (Marie) Schmitmeyer of Celina, Henrietta (Ivo) Knapke of Versailles, Ella Mae (Roger) Watercutter of Ft. Wayne, Ind., and a brother-in-law: Louie Bruns of Minster.

He was preceded in death by an infant daughter Lucy Schmitmeyer, a sister Evelyn Bruns and a sister-in-law Lucille Schmitmeyer.

He was a member of St. Francis Church in Cranberry and a member of Men's Holy Name Society of the church, Knights of St. John, Maria Stein, and a veteran of the US Army. He was a retired farmer.

Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Francis Church on Monday, May 19, 2008, with the Rev. Tony Fortman officiating.

Hogenkamp Funeral Home of Coldwater handled the arrangements.