

Frederick J. Schmitmeyer

Frederick J. Schmitmeyer, 88, of S. Lincoln Street, Minster, passed away of natural causes Thursday afternoon, Dec. 1, 2011, at the Joint Township District Memorial Hospital in St. Marys.

He was born on Jan. 25, 1923, in Minster, the son of Henry and Emma (Thieman) Schmitmeyer, and they preceded him in death.



On Aug. 23, 1947, at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Coldwater, he married Alberta (Wellman) Schmitmeyer, and she survives.

He is also survived by his three children, Steve and Linda Schmitmeyer of Valencia, Pa., Joyce and Brad Keiser of Houston, Jenny and Stephen Hodge of Tipp City; eight grandchildren, John, Luke, and Eleanor Schmitmeyer, Cassidy (Brian) Grimm, Robyn (Kevin) Seger, Grant, Weston and Rachael Hodge; one sister, Velma Wellman of Coldwater; two sisters-in-law, Thelma Schmitmeyer of Minster, Mary Wellman of Coldwater; numerous nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by 10 siblings.

He attended St. Augustine Catholic Church, and he was a member of the Minster Fraternal Order of Eagles Lodge 1391 and a past member of Auglaize County Fair Board. He was retired from dairy farming since 1976. He had also been a resident driver for Heritage Manor Nursing Center. He thought the world of his family; he loved to tell stories and in his leisure, he enjoyed fishing.

A memorial Mass of Christian burial was held on Dec. 5 at St. Augustine Church in Minster, with the Rev. Mark Hoying officiating.

In keeping with Fred's wishes, his body was donated to the Wright State University, Boonshoft School of Medicine.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Heritage Manor activities department. Condolences may be expressed at www.gehretfuneralhome.com.