

William F. Donauer

William F. Donauer, 91, of Coldwater, died on Saturday, Nov. 17, 2012, at Briarwood Village in Coldwater.

He was born on Nov. 28, 1920, in Minster, the son of the late Anton and Carrie (Sommers) Donauer.



On June 10, 1950, he married Mary Kay (Werner) in Coldwater, and she preceded him in death June 25, 2005.

He is survived by four daughters, Cindy and Doug Kilgore of Croton, Nancy and Walt Hartke of St. Henry, Terry and Dale Rutschilling of Coldwater, Linda and Jim Stocker of Dayton; eight grandchildren; two stepgrandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; brother-in-law, Bill and Lil Werner of Las Vegas, Nev.

He was also preceded in death by three brothers, Bob and Elsie Donauer, James Donauer, Bernard Donauer; sister-in-law, Irene and Rich Woeste.

He was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Coldwater, where he sang in the church choir and was a Mass server. He was also a member of the Mercer County Elks Lodge, Eagles, Lions Club, Knights of Columbus, American Legion and VFW, all of Coldwater. He was a longtime member of the Memorial Park Board, a member of the U.S. Navy, serving during World War II, and a former Community Hospital and Briarwood Manor volunteer. He was also the former owner of Home Bakery in Coldwater.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 21, at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Coldwater. Burial with military honors will follow in St. Elizabeth Cemetery in Coldwater. Memorial contributions may be directed to Coldwater Memorial Park. Condolences may be left at hogenkampfh.com.