

Gilbert J. Sturwold

Gilbert J. Sturwold, 78, formerly of Newport, died at 6:40 a.m. Friday, Jan. 20, 2012, at Heritage Manor Nursing Center in Minster. He had been a resident there for 14 months.



He was born on Feb. 12, 1933, in St. Patrick, the son of John and Mary (Dwenger) Sturwold, and they preceded him in death.

He is survived by four brothers, Clarence Sturwold of Vandalia, Ralph and Mary Ann Sturwold of Fort Loramie, a twin brother, Wilbur Sturwold of Russia, John and Marlene Sturwold of Minster; a brother-in-law, Warnie Alexander of Florida.

He was preceded in death by three sisters, Marilyn and Virgil Gaerke, Norma Alexander, Irma and Charles Wendeln; two sisters-in-law, Helen and Mary Jane Sturwold.

He was a veteran of the Korean War, having served for the U.S. Army in Orleans, France, for 16 months.

He worked as a heavy equipment hauler for Frantz Brothers Construction, and also worked part-time for Larger Brothers, hauling milk. He was a member of St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Newport and FOE 1391 of Minster, and he will be remembered by all who knew him for his quick smile and easy-going manner. He loved traveling in his car for short and long distances; the song "I've Been Everywhere" comes to mind.

A Mass of Christian burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 25 at St. Peter and Paul Church. Burial will follow at the church cemetery.

Visitation was held from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, and will be held from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Wednesday at Hogenkamp Funeral Home in Minster.

Memorial contributions may be directed to St. Peter and Paul Church or to State of the Heart Hospice. Condolences may be made at www.hogenkampfh.com.