## **Elton Thobe**

Elton "Buck" Thobe, 84, of Maria Stein, died on Saturday, March 3, 2012, at Heritage Manor in Minster.

He was born Nov. 7, 1927, in Maria Stein, the son of the late Henry and Matilda (Heitkamp) Thobe. On May 10, 1952, he married Norma (Hartings) in St. Rose, and



she preceded him in death on Feb. 3, 1989. He is survived by eight children, Randall and Jane Thobe of New Bremen, Bonnie and Gary Garrison of Maria Stein, Rick and Linda Thobe of Maria Stein, Kay and Herbert Westgerdes of Fort Recovery, Jan and Mary Thobe of St. Henry, Jay and Sharon Thobe of Maria Stein, Phil and Anne Thobe of Maria Stein, Bruce and Karla

Thobe of Minster; a daughter-in-law, Kay and Wes Sanders of Minster; 34 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; eleven brothers and sisters, Alice Varno of Sidney, Delbert and Velma Thobe of Maria Stein, Mary Mescher of Coldwater, Martha and Thomas Warner of New Bremen, Donald and Patty Thobe of Maria Stein, Marilyn and Dale Miller of Minster, Roland and Shirley Thobe of Maria Stein, Marjorie and David Moeller of Maria Stein, David and Jean Thobe of Minster, Lois and Jay Hogenkamp of Carthagena, Larry and Sandy Thobe of St. Marys; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Mary Thobe of Maria Stein, Ginny Thobe of Maria Stein, Alfreida Mescher of Minster, Alice Moorman of Minster, Vernon and Arlene Hartings of Maria Stein, Doris and Eugene Imwalle of Maria Stein, Idalene Hartings of Celina, Leo and Bev Hartings of Shelby. He was also preceded in death by a son, Timothy Thobe; two sons-in-law, Kenneth Wuebker, Thomas Heckman; three brothers, Virgil and Mary Thobe, Werner Thobe, Harold Thobe; brothers-in-law and sisters-inlaw, Leonard Varno, John Mescher, Linda Thobe, Alfred and Edna Hartings, Lee and Eleanora Knapke, Wilfred Hartings, Paul Mescher, Virgil Moorman, Walter and Luella Osterholt. He was a member of St. Johns Catholic Church and its Men's Sodality. He graduated from St. Johns High School in 1945, and he was a milk hauler and mechanic and retired from Frank Bomholt and Sons in 1990. A Mass of Christian burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 7 at St. John Catholic Church, Maria Stein. Burial will follow in St. John Cemetery in Maria

Condolences may be left at hogenkampfh.com.