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## Werner 'Barney' Thobe

Werner J. "Barney" Thobe, 82, of Maria Stein, died Wednesday, August 24, 2005, at his home.

He was born Oct. 14, 1922, at Minster, the son of Henry and Matilda (Heitkamp) Thobe and both are deceased.

On Oct. 9, 1948, he married Mary Buehler in Burkettsville, and she survives.

Mr. Thobe is also survived by two sons, Gary (Elaine) Thobe of Maria Stein, and Douglas (Beverly) Thobe of Celina; five daughters, Janet (Ralph) Rindler of St. Henry, Sharon (Randy Harris) Dixon of Cocoa Beach, FL, Vicki (Ron) Winner of Maria Stein, Sue (Dan) Drees of Columbus, and Pam (Jim) Stucke of Maria Stein; six brothers, Elton Thobe of Maria Stein, Delbert (Velma) Thobe of Maria Stein, Donald (Patty) Thobe of Maria Stein, Roland (Shirley) Thobe of Maria Stein, David (Jean) Thobe of Maria Stein, and Larry (Sandy) Thobe of St. Marys; six sisters, Alice Varno of Sidney, Mary Catherine (John) Mescher of Maria Stein, Martha (Tom) Warner of New Bremen, Marilyn (Dale) Miller of Minster, Margie (David) Moeller of St. Sebastian, and Lois (Jay) Hogenkamp of Carthegena; a sister-in-law, Virginia Thobe; 20 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a grandchild, Craig; brothers Virgil and Harold; sisters-in-law Norma and Mary; and brother-in-law, Leonard Varno.

Mr. Thobe was a former employee of Minster Machine in machine maintenance. He was a veteran of World War II, having served in the U.S. Army. He attended St. John Catholic Church and was a member of the Men's Sodality of the church. He was also a member of the Maria Stein American Legion #571 and the Minster Machine 25-year club.

Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 27, at St. John Catholic Church with the Rev. Harry Cavanaugh officiating. Burial followed in St. John Cemetery in Maria Stein.

Memorial contributions may be directed to State of the Heart Home Health and Hospice. Hogenkamp Funeral Home in Coldwater handled the arrangements.