

Edmund VanOss

Edmund VanOss, 88, 244 S. Hanover St., Minster, died Sunday, Oct. 27, 2002 in Joint Township District Memorial Hospital, St. Marys.

Mr. VanOss was born Feb. 10, 1914 in Ottoville, Ohio, the son of the late Joseph and Dorothy Vincke VanOss.

He married Elsie Freytag on Feb. 21, 1944. She survives in Minster.

Other survivors include daughters: Gretchen (James) Eilerman of Fort Loramie and Ellen (Paul) Zircher of Fort

Loramie; son Mark (Jean) VanOss of Seattle, Wash.; 13 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Two sisters, Dottie Hovest of Ottoville and Agnes (Wilbur) Miller of Kenton, Ohio, also survive.

Three brothers and three sisters preceded him in death.

Mr. VanOss was a member of St. Augustine Catholic Church and was a member of the church choir for 18 years.

He retired as superintendent of Minster Schools in 1975, after also serving as principal and athletic director. He initiated the Minster Student Council and the National Honor Society at Minster High School. He had also taught school at Fort Loramie Local Schools. He attended St. Joseph College, St. Charles Seminary, Desales College and received a master's degree from Xavier University.



He was the mayor of Minster for eight years, and was the zoning administrator. He was a past president of the Lake Loramie Improvement Association.

He was a life member of the Minster Civic Association and past Citizen of the Year. He was the Grand Marshal of the Oktoberfest parade in 1985. He was a member of the Minster Eagles and Minster American Legion.

He served as a Staff Sergeant in the U.S. Army during World War II in the Asian Theatre.

Rev. Louis Schmit celebrated a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Augustine Church, Oct. 30. Burial followed in St. Augustine Cemetery with full military honors by the Minster Honor Guard.

Hogekamp Funeral Home, Minster handled the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Minster High School Scholarship Fund.