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Robert J. Voisard

Robert J. (Bob) Voisard, 82, died at 7 a.m. Sunday, July 9, 2006, at Fair Haven Shelby County Home in Sidney, where he had resided since 1996. He died of natural causes.

He was born on Jan. 20, 1924, in Houston to Michael and Agnes (Monnier) Voisard. On May 6, 1950, at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Piqua, he married Ruth A. (Berning), and she survives at Newport Road in Fort Loramie.

He is also survived by six children and their spouses, David (Marilyn) Voisard, Mary Jane Jones, Norbert (Barbara) Voisard, Gary Voisard, and Betty (Jeff) Watkins, all of Sidney, and Rick (Dorothy) Voisard of Piqua.

Also surviving are six grandchildren and five step-grandchildren; four brothers and sisters, Rose (Roy) Henry and Helen (Francis) McEldowney of Versailles, Carl (Jenny) Voisard of Russia and Cyril Voisard of Bradford; two sisters-in-law, Agnes Voisard, South Daytona Beach, Fla., and Judy Voisard, Versailles; and one brother-in-law, Royce Smith, Versailles.

His parents, two brothers, James and John Voisard, and one sister, Florence Smith, preceded him in death.

Mr. Voisard was a U.S. Army Veteran of World War II. He received five bronze stars for his service in the Western Pacific and Southern Philippines Theater Campaigns.

He was a member of Saint Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Newport, St. Denis Knights of Columbus, Versailles Fraternal Order of Eagles Lodge, Newport Sportsman Club, and the Fort Loramie American Legion.

He retired in 1987 from the Copeland Corporation after 45 years of service.

A mass of Christian burial was held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 12, 2006, at Saint Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Newport with the Rev. Steven Shoup officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery. Gehret Funeral Home in Fort Loramie handled the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.