

Charles U. Wendeln

Charles U. Wendeln, of Maria Stein, died on Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2009 at Lima Memorial Hospital. He was 76.



He was born Feb. 12, 1933 to Fred and Frances (Hasselman) Wendeln of Maria Stein. On Jan. 21, 1956, he married Irma Sturwold, who survives him in Maria Stein.

He is also survived by his children, Diane (Mark) Homan of Maria Stein and Gary Wendeln of New Bremen, as well as grandsons Ron and Tom Homan and great-grandchildren, Sam and Lily. He also leaves behind a brother, Joseph (Marie) Wendeln of Minster, a brother-in-law Paul Jutte of Coldwater, and a sister-in-law Mary Lou Wendeln of Sidney. He is preceded in death by his siblings: Edward Wendeln, Leo Wendeln, Armella Bruns, Eugene Wendeln, Viola Franks and Rita Jutte.

He was a member of St. John Catholic Church in Maria Stein, as well as the Men's Sodality of the Church. He and his family donated part of the land for the Marion Community Park. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War, was a retired dairy farmer and was employed for 29 years at New Idea.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Saturday, Nov. 21, 2009 at St. John Church with Rev. Gene Schnipke officiating. Memorials may be donated to the MCDO Park Fund. Hogenkamp Funeral Home in Minster handled the arrangements.