

Community Post Obituaries

Dr. George B. Wenning

Dr. George B. Wenning, DVM, of Maria Stein, died Wednesday, April 28, 2004 in Riverside Hospital. He was 72.

Born June 5, 1931, in Coldwater, he was the son of Lewis and Loretta Knapke Wenning and both parents are deceased.

On July 23, 1960, he married Helen Dirksen in Cassella; she survives.

Dr. Wenning is also survived by two sons, Tom (and Mary) Wenning of Wapakoneta and Robert Wenning of Maria Stein; a daughter, Carol (and David) Blevins of Auburn, IN; seven grandchildren; and two sisters and their spouses, Esther and Robert Ballweg of Botkins and Janet and Daniel Kemper of Coldwater.

A veterinarian, Dr. Wenning was a graduate of Coldwater High School and the Ohio State University, where he earned a bachelor of science degree in agriculture and a doctorate in veterinary medicine. He began his practice in Parker, IN, and then founded and operated the Maria Stein Animal Clinic from which he was retired.



Dr. Wenning was a United States Army veteran who served during the Korean War. He was a member of the Maria Stein American Legion 571, the Mercer County Republican party, the Mercer County Board of Elections, served as chairman of the Enhancement Committee, was a past member of the Coldwater Hospital Board, and a former member of the MCDO in Maria Stein.

Awards earned by Dr. Wenning include the 2000 Citizen of the Year, he American Farmer Degree, the 1974 Who's Who Distinguished Citizen of the State of Ohio designation, and the Outstanding American Patriot Citizen in 1976.

Dr. Wenning was a member of St. John Catholic Church where he was a pastoral associate and CCD instructor, lector and lay distributor of communion. He was a Companion of the Precious Blood.

A funeral mass was said Monday, May 3, 2004 by the Rev. Kenneth Schroeder in St. John Catholic Church in Maria Stein and burial followed in the church cemetery where full military honors were performed by the Maria Stein American Legion.

Memorial contributions may be made to the St. John Steeple Fund. Hogenkamp Funeral Home in Coldwater handled the arrangements.