

John A. Westgerdes

John A. Westgerdes, age 87, of Coldwater, died at 1:25 a.m. on Monday, March 14, 2011 at Briarwood Village, Coldwater.

He was born Aug. 26, 1923 in Dayton, to Edward Sr. and Helen (Wenz) Westgerdes.

On June 9, 1951 he married Virginia (Tangeman) in Coldwater, and she survives in Coldwater.

He is also survived by five children, David and Dory Westgerdes of Celina, Thomas Westgerdes of Coldwater, Mark and Brenda Westgerdes of Celina, Richard and Jane Westgerdes of Celina, and Cheryl and Daniel Hoyng of Coldwater; nine grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; five step-grandchildren; two sisters, Maryann and Bernard Sampson of Columbus, and Sr. Elizabeth Westgerdes, CPPS of Coldwater; and two sisters-in-law, Lucille Westgerdes and Rita Westgerdes both of Coldwater.

He is preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Edward Westgerdes, Jr., Robert Westgerdes, Raymond Westgerdes and Vincent Westgerdes; and a sister-in-law, Norma Westgerdes.

He was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church, the Knights of Columbus Council 1991, the Coldwater American Legion and V.F.W. and served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was retired from Pax Machine.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 17, 2011 at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Coldwater, with Fr. Richard Walling, officiating. Burial with military rites will follow in St. Elizabeth Cemetery, Coldwater.

Friends may call at the Hogenkamp Funeral Home-Coldwater on Wednesday from 3 - 8 p.m. and on Thursday from 9 - 10 a.m.