

Raymond H. Westgerdes

Raymond H. Westgerdes, 84, of Coldwater, died Saturday, Feb. 13, 2010 at Mercer County Community Hospital in Coldwater.



He was born July 28, 1925 in Saint Henry to the late Edward, Sr. and Helen (Wenz) Westgerdes. On Aug. 21, 1954 he married Rita Obringer in Coldwater, and she survives in Coldwater.

Also surviving are nine children: Alan (Joyce) Westgerdes of Coldwater, Gary (Vicky) Westgerdes of Celina, Larry (Denise) Westgerdes of Celina, Mary Westgerdes of Chickasaw, Matthew Westgerdes of Celina, Joe (Lynette) Westgerdes of Van Wert and Carl (Cindy) Westgerdes of Coldwater; as well as 16 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. He also leaves behind a brother John (Ginny) Westgerdes of Coldwater, sisters: Maryann (Bernard) Simpson of Columbus and Sr. Elizabeth Westgerdes, CPPS of Coldwater; and a sister-in-law Lucille Westgerdes of Saint Henry. He is preceded in death by his parents, brothers: Edward Jr., Robert and Vincent Westgerdes; and a sister-in-law Norma Westgerdes.

He was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church, the Men's Holy Name Society of the church, Knights of Columbus Council 1991 in Coldwater and a veteran of the U.S. Navy after serving during WWII. He worked as a printer at the Mercer County Chronicle, then at Bock Printing and finally retired from Doll Printing.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Holy Trinity Catholic Church on Wednesday, Feb. 17, 2010 with Rev. Richard Walling officiating. Burial followed at St. Elizabeth Cemetery in Coldwater, Ohio. Hogenkamp Funeral Home in Coldwater handled the arrangements.