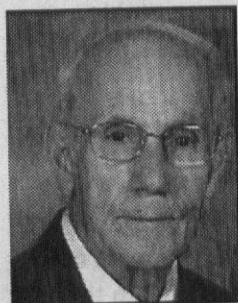


Charles L. Steinke

Charles L. Steinke, 81, of West Cisco Road, Sidney, passed away of natural causes on Friday morning, September 30, 2011, at Dorothy Love Retirement Community in Sidney.



He was born on April 1, 1930, in Burkettsville, the son of Isadore and Bertha (Tumbusch) Steinke, and they preceded him in death.

On Oct. 27, 1951, at Precious Blood Catholic Church in Chickasaw, he married Armella (Bills) Steinke, and she survives.

He is also survived by his five children, Robert Steinke of Fort Loramie, Roger and Lisa Steinke of New Bremen, Michael and Annette Steinke of St. Louis, Mo, Brother Thomas Paul Steinke of Chillum, MD, Mark and Lisa Steinke of Sidney; 15 grandchildren, Renee and Todd Mescher, Tracy and Brian Schulze, Brett and Jennifer Steinke, Jennifer and AJ Eilerman, Chris, Jonathan and Ashley, Nathan, Todd and Sarah, Eric and Kelly, Kym, Tyler, Madison, Kelli, Aaron, and Katie Steinke; 17 great-grandchildren; four siblings, Esther and Tim Mattingly of Dayton, Elma and Lennie Clune of Minster, Paul and Marge Steinke of Dayton, Jesse and Shirley Steinke of Coldwater; brothers and sisters-in-law, Norb Kramer of Chickasaw, Millie Steinke of Tipp City, Verena and Rich Langenkamp of St. Henry, Joan and Ben Post of St. Wendelin.

He was also preceded in death by one son, Brian Steinke; two sisters, Lilly Steinke and Alice Kremer; a brother, James Steinke.

He was a U.S. Army Veteran of the Korean War and had been stationed in Germany. He attended St. Michael Catholic Church and was a member of the Fort Loramie American Legion Post 355. He retired in 1996 from Leroy Dresser in Sidney, where he had been employed for 36 years.

He enjoyed spending time with his family and following local sports; years ago he also enjoyed hunting and fishing.

A Mass of Christian burial was held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 4 at St. Michael Church in Fort Loramie, with the Rev. Steven Shoup officiating. Interment followed at the St. Michael's Cemetery with full military honors by the American Legion.

Memorials may be directed to St. Vincent DePaul or a charity of donor's choice. Condolences may be expressed at Gehretfuneralhome.com.