

Virgil J. Bensman

Virgil J. Bensman, age 84, of Versailles, died of natural causes at his residence on Friday, April 23, 2010.



He was born Jan. 11, 1926 at Minster, to the late August L. and Marie T. (Heitbrink) Bensman.

On Aug. 21, 1948 at St. Nicholas Catholic Church in Osgood, Virgil married Mildred (Gehret) Bensman who survives along with nine children and their spouses: Shirley (Walter) Broering of St. Henry, Jerome (Marilyn) Bensman of Versailles, Irene (John) Bruns of Maria Stein, Mary Jane (Lester) Homan of New Bremen, John (Marian) Bensman of Russia, Steven (Debra) Bensman of Versailles, Theresa (Philip) Heitkamp of New Bremen, Marlene (Steven) Puthoff of Versailles, Carl (Kathy) Bensman of Versailles; and one daughter-in-law, Teresa (Bill) Gariety of Wapakoneta; as well as 35 grandchildren and 45 great-grandchildren. He also leaves behind four siblings and their spouses: Lester (Carol) Bensman of Indiana, LeRoy (Rosemary) Bensman of St. Henry, Roland (Sharon) Bensman of Versailles and Elizabeth Walterbusch of Maria Stein, and one sister-in-law Joan Bensman of North Star. He was preceded in death by one son, Michael Bensman, one grandson, Bruce Bensman, three infant great-granddaughters; two brothers, Alvin and Valinus Bensman, two sisters-in-law, Pat and Phyllis Bensman, and one brother-in-law, Ivo Walterbusch.

Virgil was a U.S. Army veteran of WWII. He had served active duty in Germany and France with G.Co./274 Infantry. Virgil attended St. Denis Catholic Church and was also a member of Osgood American Legion Post 0588, St. Remy Catholic War Veterans, St. Denis Knights of Columbus Commandary 1756, and the Darke County Right to Life. He retired from the Minster Machine Company in 1986. He had also been engaged in agriculture all of his working life.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Tuesday, April 27, 2010 at St. Denis Church in Versailles with Rev. David Vincent presiding. Interment with full military honors followed at the St. Valbert Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Darke Co. Right to Life or State of the Heart Hospice. Condolences may be expressed at www.gehret-funeralhome.com.