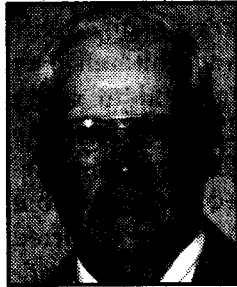


Nicholas F. Bergman

Nicholas F. Bergman, 88, of Botkins, died at 12:45 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 9, 2013, at Heritage Manor Nursing Center.

He was born on Aug. 23, 1924, in Egypt, the son of the late Fred and Katherine (Dirksen) Bergman.



He married Norma Berning on Sept. 27, 1947, in St. Patrick, and she survives in Botkins.

He is also survived by his children, Diane and Joe Pohlman of Cassella, Betty Shardo and fiancé, Joe Mescher, of Versailles, Mary Moeller and friend, Mike Schneider, of New Bremen, Tom and Mary Bergman of McDonough, Ga., Linda and Melvin Behr of Wapakoneta, Jeanne and Tom Boerger of Fort Loramie, Nicholas Bergman Jr. of Jackson Center, Ron and Jeanie Bergman of Botkins, John and Janet Bergman of Botkins, Elaine and Steve Luthman of Anna; 40 grandchildren; 47 great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by brothers and sisters, Joseph, Bill and Herb, Cecelia Bergman and Eleanor Flaute.

He was a member of St. Lawrence Catholic Church in Rhine, and he was the church custodian for 19 years.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army in the Philippines during World War II and a member of American Legion Post 241 New Bremen.

He enjoyed fishing, coon hunting, baseball and his grandchildren. He was a retired farmer and also worked at Ross Aluminum in Sidney.

A Mass of Christian burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 14, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Botkins, with the Rev. Pat Slonecker and the Rev. Dan Hess concelebrants.

Friends may call at the Hogenkamp Funeral Home in Minster from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 13, and from 9 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. Thursday. Burial will take place with full military honors at St. Lawrence Cemetery in Rhine.

Memorial contributions may be directed to State of the Heart Hospice and to the Heritage Manor Activity Fund.

Condolences may be made at www.hogenkampfh.com.