

Leander A. Broering, age 92, formerly of Versailles, passed away of natural causes at his home in San Rafael, Calif. on Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 16, 2011.

He was born Aug. 30, 1918 in Montezuma to the late John H. and Cecilia (Holdheide) Broering.



On Nov. 8, 1945, at St. Remy Catholic Church in Russia, Leander married Ruth Mary (Paulus) Broering who preceded him in death on Jan. 18, 1998.

He later married Carolyn (Dostal) Oakes Broering at the Holy Family Catholic Church in North Ft. Meyers, Fla. on Jan. 30, 1999, and she passed away on March 15, 2003.

Surviving are three children and their spouses, Donald W. and Marilyn Broering of Warrenton, Mo., Jeanette M. Broering Moody and Jacob Moody of San Rafael, Calif. and Elaine R. and Thomas Whipp of Petoskey, Mich.; four grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; six step-great-grandchildren; three sisters, Dorothy Boeckman of Fort Loramie, Rita Hoehne of Fort Loramie, and Vernice "Mickey" Mescher of Tipp City.

He had also been preceded in death by three sisters and five brothers.

In 1967, he was conferred the Diploma of High School Graduation from Dayton Public Schools. He was also a graduate of the Coyne Electrical School in Chicago as an electrician, on Nov. 29, 1940. Leander served in the U.S. Army Air Corp from 1939 to 1945. He received an Honorable Discharge as the non-commissioned officer (NCO) rank of Master Sergeant (E8). During WWII, he was assigned to the 404th Bombardment Squadron stationed in Adak, Alaska. His unit was awarded a 'Distinguished Unit Citation; Kuril Island Campaign'. He was awarded a Bronze star; the Asiatic Pacific Theatre Ribbon; American Defence Service Medal; and the Good Conduct Ribbon.

He was employed for 35 years (1945-1980) by the Dayton Power and Light Company as an electrical construction foreman. In addition, he was engaged in farming at the Paulus family farm in Darke County. Leander attended St. Isabella Catholic Church, San Rafael, Calif., and was a member of the Knights of Columbus 4th Degree, Holy Name Society, Fort Loramie American Legion Post 355, and the St. Remy Catholic War Veterans Post 0661.

Leander was known for his singing and whistling; his progressive approach to farming; his enjoyment of woodworking (especially bird houses); and in his later years, for his water color paintings.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 25, 2011, at St. Michael Church in Fort Loramie with Rev. Steven Shoup presiding. Interment will follow at the St. Valbert Cemetery in Versailles, with full military honors by the Ft. Loramie American Legion.

Friends may call Thursday from 3-7 p.m. and Friday from 9-10 a.m. at Gehret Funeral Home, 64 Elm St., Fort Loramie. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society. Private condolences may be expressed