

Eugene W. "Abie" Gross

Eugene W. "Abie" Gross, 78, of Coldwater, died Wednesday, June 3, 2009 at Briarwood Manor Nursing Home in Coldwater.



He was born June 15, 1930 in Coldwater to the late Adam & Catherine (Braun) Gross. On Oct. 3, 1975 he married A. Blanche (Shaffner) Behm-Gross and she survives.

Also surviving are four children: Cynthia (Jack) Naseman of Saint Marys, Jeff & Karen Behm of Coldwater, Sue (Mark) Miller of Celina and Fred (Cathy) Behm of Coldwater; as well as 16 grandchildren and 26 great grandchildren. He also leaves behind brothers and sisters: Louie Gross of Coldwater, Rita Heyne of Russia, Mary Ann Severt of Coldwater and Vince (Alfreda) Gross of Coldwater. He is preceded in death by brothers and sisters-in-law: Herb (Madonna) Gross, Clarence (Becky) Gross and Cy (Birdie) Gross; sister Viola Bonifas; sister-in-law Flora Gross and brothers-in-law Bob Heyne and Alvin Severt.

He was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Coldwater American Legion Post 470, Life Member of Coldwater V. F. W. Post 5135, Charter Member of Fraternal Order of Eagles #3025 Coldwater and a veteran of the US Army serving in Korea. He worked 26 years at the former New Idea Plant in Coldwater and retired from the Mercer County Auditor's Office Department of Weights and Measures.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Holy Trinity Catholic Church on Saturday, June 6, 2009, with Rev. Richard Walling officiating. Burial followed in St. Elizabeth Cemetery in Coldwater. Hogenkamp Funeral Home in Coldwater handled the arrangements.