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## **Marcellus Holthaus**

Marcellus Clemens Holthaus, 86, of Fort Loramie, died Friday, Jan. 24, 2003 in his residence.

Mr. Holthaus was born Sept. 20, 1916 in Fort Loramie, the son of the late Bernard and Caroline Prenger Holthaus.

Survivors include brothers, Lester and Victor of Fort Loramie, Bernard (Mary) of Anna, and Anthony (Roseann) of Fort Loramie; and sister Catherine of Fort Loramie. A brother and a sister, a niece and a great niece preceded him in death.

Mr. Holthaus was a member of St. Michael Catholic Church, and the St. Joseph Men's Sodality and the Apostleship of Prayer, both of St. Michael.

He was a W.W. II veteran the European Theater; an army tank battalion sergeant who received three bronze stars during his four and a half year tour.

He was retired from Copeland Corporation in 1979 after completing 34 years with the company, and he was also a farmer.

Rev. Steve Shoup celebrated a Mass of Christian Burial Jan. 29 at St. Michael. Burial followed in St. Michael Cemetery with full military honors.

Gehret Funeral Home, Fort Loramie, handled the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to Fort Loramie Rescue Squad or St. Michael Church.