

### **Leander A. Knapke**

Leander A. Knapke, 91, 2649 St. John Road, Maria Stein, Ohio died at 6:45 a.m. at Briarwood Manor Nursing Home, Coldwater.

He was born March 2, 1914 at Maria Stein to the late Joseph and Catherine (Bruns) Knapke. He was married August 21, 1943 in St. Rose to Elenora J. (Hartings) Knapke. She preceded him in death on December 1, 2000.

He is survived by three sons, Gerald "99" Knapke, Tom Knapke, and Ivo (Pam) Knapke all of Maria Stein; four daughters, Rosemary (Anthony) Fullenkamp, Fort Loramie; Rita (Bob) Niekamp, New Bremen; Ann (David) Long, Findlay; Emily (Charlie) Flanagan, Delphos; one daughter-in-law, Mary Knapke, Maria Stein; 28 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one son, Louis Knapke; one son in law, Michael Koesters, three brothers and three sisters.

He was a member of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Maria Stein.

He was a retired plumber from Gagel Hardware.

Services were held Friday, May 13, 2005 at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church. Burial at St. John Cemetery.