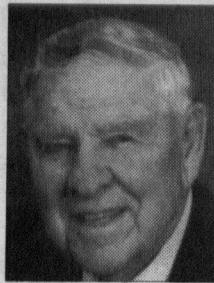


## William F. Knapke

William F. Knapke, formerly of St. Henry, died on Wednesday, Sept. 17, 2008, at Community Hospital in Coldwater. He was 84 years old.



He was born on July 4, 1924, to William and Rosa (Hemmelgarn) Knapke of Cranberry Prairie. On Oct. 21, 1950, he married Esther Hartings, who survives him.

He is also survived by his son, Jerry (Nancy) Knapke of Ohio City, and daughter, Linda Perez of Bryan, as well as his sister Lucille Hess of Dayton and two sisters-in-law, Eileen Knapke and Norma Knapke, both of St. Henry. He also leaves behind six grandchildren, one step-grandchild and five great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by sisters: Hilda Knapke, Rita Muhlenkamp, Sister Julia and Roselyn Muhlenkamp; and brothers: Claude, Bernard, Mark and Robert.

He was a member of St. Francis Catholic Church in Cranberry Prairie and the VFW of Celina. He was a retired farmer.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, Sept. 20, 2008, at St. Francis Church, with Rev. Tom Hemm officiating. Hogenkamp Funeral Home of St. Henry handled the arrangements.