

Francis J. Monnier

Francis J. "Tod" Monnier, 84, of Russia, passed away of natural causes at his residence after an extended illness on Monday afternoon, Aug. 17, 2009.

He was born on Sept. 12, 1924 in Bloomer, son of the late Dena (Reboulet) and Roy R. Monnier. He was



preceded in death by one brother John Monnier, and two sisters: Rose Monnin and Mary Fisher.

On April 7, 1951 at St. John the Baptist Church, Maria Stein, he married Wilma E. (Budde) Monnier who survives with three children James (Donna) Monnier of Versailles; Steve (Jane) Monnier of Troy; Deb (Ted)

Baker of Versailles; 10 grandchildren: Tod, Erika, and Nick Monnier; Marie, Doug, Jeff, and Jennifer Monnier; Kris (Kelly) and Scott Baker, Hollie (Jason) Ahrens; Four great-grandchildren: Kamryn and Kinsey Baker; Camden and Juliet Ahrens; Two siblings: Helen (Firmin) Paulus of Midland, Mich.; Norris Monnier of Russia; Brothers and sisters-in-law: Barb (Schneider) Monnier of Russia; and Kenneth Monnin of Vandalia.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of WWII. He served from 1943 to 1946 as Technician/5th Grade, in North Africa and India. He attended St. Remy Catholic Church where he had been an usher, a senior citizen

Mass server and a former choir member. Tod was an honorary member of the St. Remy Knights of Columbus Commandary #3890 and was a founding member of the St. Remy Catholic War Veterans Post #661. He had been past president of the Russia Civic Association and the Russia Homecoming Committee.

He had been a graduate with the Russia High School Class of 1941. He began his career at Aeroproducts / General Motors in Vandalia where he worked for 14 years. He went on to work at Francis Manufacturing in Russia for 31 years, retiring at age 68 in 1993.

Tod was a devoted family man and enjoyed family vacations and get-togethers. He was an avid and dedicated Russia sports fan and loved to play cards. He will be lovingly remembered as the gentleman on the front porch keeping watch over the Russia Park.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Friday, Aug. 21, 2009 at the St. Remy Church, Russia with Rev. Frank Amberger presiding. Interment will followed at the St. Remy Church Cemetery with full military honors by the St. Remy Catholic War Veterans.

Memorials may be made to State of The Heart Hospice or charity of the donor's choice. Condolances may be expressed at www.gehretfuneralhome.com

Gehret Funeral Home in Fort Loramie handled the arrangements.