

**"Turp" Urban
Edwin Ratermann**

"Turp" Urban Edwin Ratermann, 80, of Fort Loramie, died Thursday, Oct. 6, 2005 at the Dorothy Love Retirement Community.

He was born Feb. 22, 1925, to Adolph and Catherine (Seifert) Ratermann; they are deceased. On May 13, 1940, he married "Polly" Pauline Cole in Sidney and she survives.

Mr. Ratermann is also survived by his children, Frank and Illean Ratermann of Sidney, Lean and Dennis Wente of New Bremen, Steve and Chris Ratermann of Fort Loramie, Fred Ratermann of Fort Loramie, Mary Ann and Greg Novitsky of Texas, Philip and Lisa Ratermann of Tipp City, Karl and Robe Ratermann of Fort Loramie and Matt and Jane Ratermann, also of Fort Loramie; 23 grandchildren; 1 great-grandchild; a broth-

er Cyril and Nena Ratermann of California and a sister-in-law, Elizabeth Ratermann of Florida.

A 1943 graduate of Fort Loramie High School, Mr. Ratermann studied law for two years at the University of Dayton and for one year at Ohio Northern University. He was an independent insurance agent, and owned and operated Ratermann Insurance Agency until retiring in 1986. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Air Force when he completed 33 combat missions and received four Bronze Stars.

Mr. Ratermann was a member of St. Michael Catholic Church and was very active in Fort Loramie. He served for 16 years as the mayor of the village and was a six-year member of the Fort Loramie Board of Public Affairs. He served on the Fort Loramie Board of Education for eight years including the construction period of the new high school. Turp was also the past presidents and charter member of the Fort Loramie Kiwanis Club, as well as a charter member of the GYM Inc. and the Fort Loramie boosters. He was also active in Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, the Fort Loramie Youth Organization, and the former Fort Loramie Businessmen's Association. He was a member of the Fort Loramie American Legion Post 355.

Funeral services were held Monday, Oct. 10 at St. Michael Church with the Rev. Steven Shoup officiating; burial followed in the church cemetery with full military honors.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Hahn-Hufford Center of Hope Rehabilitation Center or the Fort Loramie Education Foundation Scholarship Fund. Gehret Funeral Home in Fort Loramie handled the arrangements.