

Ralph B. Severt

Ralph B. Severt, age 87, died on Tuesday, April 28, 2009 at Laurels of Shane Hill in Coldwater.

He was born Jan. 3, 1922 to Fred and Josephine (Uhlenhake) Severt of Carthagena. On Nov. 15, 1947, he married Esther Homan, who died Feb. 20, 1997.

He is survived by his children: Jerry (Terry) Severt of Coldwater, Jane (Lavern) Fiely of Coldwater, Karen (Ken) Hoying of Coldwater, Bob Severt of Celina, Linda (Mark) Backs of Celina and Joyce (Dave) Jansen of Celina; as well as 20 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. He also leaves behind sister Mildred Griesdorn of Coldwater and sisters-in-law Josie Severt of Rockford and Mary A. Severt of Coldwater. He is preceded in death by siblings Wildred Severt, Ed Severt, Arthur Severt, Victor Severt, Alvin Severt, Mary Ann Seitz and Esther Fleck.

He was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church, the Knights of Columbus Council 1991 in Coldwater, Fraternal Order of Eagles #3025, Naim of the North and Holy Trinity Bereavement Group. He was a milk hauler and co-owner of Coldwater Grain.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Friday, May 1, 2009 at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with Rev. Richard Walling officiating. Burial followed at St. Elizabeth Cemetery in Coldwater. Hogenkamp Funeral Home in Coldwater handled the arrangements.