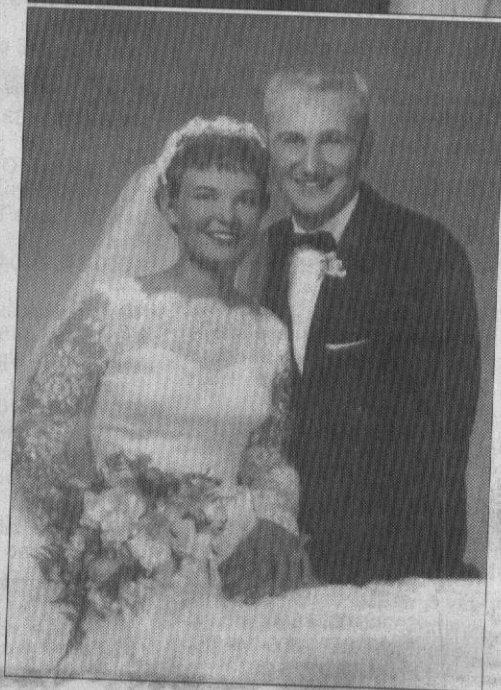


Heitbrinks celebrate 50th

James and Mary Jean Heitbrink celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Sunday, Aug. 30 with family and invited guests. Their special day started with a 10 a.m. Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Augustine Church in Minster, followed by a dinner and reception at the Minster K of C Hall. Music and dancing was provided by Walt Schmitmeyer and his band.

James and the former Mary Jean Hoying were married Aug. 29, 1959 at 9 a.m. at St. Patrick Catholic Church in St. Patricks. The Rev. Leo Hoying, uncle of the bride, officiated the ceremony. Their reception was held at Kempers Grove in Egypt. Mary Jean is the daughter of the late Ray and Ludwina (Meiring) Hoying of St. Patrick. James is the son of the late Ben and Alma (Dorsten) Heitbrink of Egypt. The maid of honor was Diane (Hoying) Gels, and the best man was Maurice Heitbrink. Other bridal attendants were Lois (Koverman) Drees and Janet (Heitbrink) Borgerding. The junior bridesmaid was Monica (Hoying) Boerger with Rita (Hoying) Sollmann and Carol (Mescher) Francis as the flower girls. Groomsmen were Tom Oldiges and Paul Homan (deceased).

They are the parents of six children: Marge (Tim) Baumer of Minster, Mark (Lynne) Heitbrink of Minster, Mary Kay (Ron) Wolters of Anna, John (Sheila) Heitbrink of Minster, Jane (Matt) Ratermann and Tony Heitbrink of Minster. They have been blessed with 12 grandchildren: Karissa (Austin) Kaylor, Andrew and Austin Baumer; Allan, Aaron and Ben Heitbrink; Dustin and Wes Wolters; Jordyn and Jack Heitbrink; and Taylor and Davin Ratermann. A great-grandchild is expected soon.



James and Mary Jean are still active on the family farm. They enjoy traveling, spending time with their family and friends and following all their grandchildren's activities.