



William J. Bertsch

August 17, 1923 - August 30, 2009

William J. Bertsch, 86, of Anna, passed away 5:33 a.m., Sun. Aug. 30, 2009, at Wilson Memorial Hospital, Sidney. He was born Aug. 17, 1923, in Sidney, OH, the son of William Harley & Iva (Schiff) Bertsch, who preceded him in death. On June 18, 1944, he married Christine Rogers who preceded him in death on Sept. 13, 2007. Survivors include, 4 daughters & sons-in-law, Linda & Jerry Pleiman, Anna, Janice & Robert Elsass, Wapakoneta, Sharon & Scott Van Fossen, Sidney, Mary & Rick Vermillion, Wapakoneta, 9 grandchildren, 18 great grandchildren, 2 sisters-in-law, Dolcie Rogers, Botkins, Carole Rogers, Fayetteville, TN. He was preceded in death by a brother, Jacob Bertsch, and a sister, Bernice Alexander. In addition to being a farmer, Mr. Bertsch worked at Wagner Foundry, Sidney for 17 years. In 1988, he retired from LeRoi-Dresser, Sidney. Mr. Bertsch was a member of St. Jacob Lutheran Church, Anna, and a graduate of Anna High School. He enjoyed traveling with his daughters. He recently returned from a trip to Hawaii to visit his granddaughter and her family. His hobbies included gardening and woodworking. Mr. Bertsch also enjoyed playing the guitar and saxophone and was in dance bands for many years. A graveside service for family and friends will be 11:30 a.m., Wed. Sept. 2, 2009, at Pearl Cemetery, Swanders, OH, Pastor Michael P. Althausen officiating. Memorial contributions may be directed to St. Jacob Lutheran Church or a charity of the donor's choice. Bayliff & Eley Funeral Home, Wapakoneta, is in charge of the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

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“ *To Kate & family, my deepest sympathies. My prayers are with you and yours.*

Ben Kaufman - July 10, 2015 at 04:00 PM

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“ *Linda Pleiman and family: Our Deepest Sympathy!*

Roy and Sharma Selander - July 10, 2015 at 04:00 PM

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“ *I would like to express my sympathies to the family and friends. I hope that this wonderful promise found in Acts 24:15 will bring you comfort.*

Tom Layton - July 10, 2015 at 04:00 PM