

Vernon Claus

Former Sherman Twp. trustee

Vernon H. Claus, 82, Pontiac Section Line Road, died Saturday, Sept. 16, 2000, in his residence following an illness.

He was born April 22, 1918, in Norwich Township, Huron County, and was the son of Fred J. and Katherine M. Schreiner Claus. He married the former Clara Mabel Switzer on May 31, 1947; she survives.

He was a lifelong resident of the area and was a veteran of World War II, serving with the U.S. Army in the South African and Egyptian campaigns.

He was the fourth generation to farm the Claus family farm and also farmed the Geyer-Ringe estate. In addition to being a farmer, he had been employed by the former Bellevue Candy Co., Whirlpool's Clyde Division, and Norfolk and Western Railroad, from where he retired in 1981.

He was a member of St. Sebastian's Catholic Church, Bismark; Huron County Farm Bureau and Bellevue Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He was also a former Sherman Township Trustee.

He is survived by his wife; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Larry E. and Mary Claus, Bellevue, Joseph V. Claus, Milan, Steven C. and Jane Claus, Concord, N.C.; five grandchildren, Joshua C., Tyson C., Seth A., Katherine L. and Lauren M. Claus; and one brother, Walter Claus, Bellevue.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a granddaughter, Melissa Michelle Claus; four brothers, Clarence M. Claus, Albert E. Claus, Ralph Frederick Claus and Ralph Joseph Claus; and two sisters, Anna M. Willman and Rosa M. Claus.

Friends will be received at the Auxter-Groff Funeral Home, 1105 Castalia St., today, 7-9 p.m., and on Tuesday, 2-4 and 7-9 p.m., where the rosary will be recited at 8:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. in St. Sebastian Catholic Church, Bismark Road, with the Rev. John Nagle, pastor, officiating. Burial will follow in St. Sebastian Catholic Cemetery.

Memorial contributions, if desired, may be made to Hospice of Memorial Hospital, 430 S. Main St., Clyde, Ohio 43410.