

RITTERSDORF, Royal L.

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Royal L. Rittersdorf, 81, of Grand Rapids, passed away Saturday morning, Jan. 22, 2005, at Metron of Forest Hills Nursing Home, Grand Rapids. Royal was born Oct. 2, 1923, in Keene Township, Ionia County, the son of Frank and Katherine Gasper Rittersdorf. He was a member of the United Auto Workers Union and had retired from Oliver Products. He was married to Florence M. Clark at St. Joseph Church in Belding in 1945.

He was preceded by his parents; brothers, Arthur, Edward, Leonard, Harold, Andrew; and sisters-in-law, Grace Kutchey and Mary Rittersdorf. Royal is survived by his wife, Florence; their children, Richard Rittersdorf, Lynn M. and Gerald Bolster, all of Greenville, Samuel L. Rittersdorf of Grand Rapids, Jannelle K. Rittersdorf of Belding; four grandchildren, Jason Bolster, Jerry Lynn Bolster-Hemmes, Adam and Jared Rittersdorf; two great-grandchildren, Seth Rittersdorf, Candis Hemmes-Almas; one great-great-grandchild, Paris Lynn Almas; brothers and their spouses, Robert and Ruby Rittersdorf, Ronald and Jackie Rittersdorf, all of Ada, James and Betty Rittersdorf of Grand Rapids; and two sisters-in-law, Sophie Rittersdorf and Alice Meyers.

Private family graveside services will be in Alton Cemetery, north of Lowell. In keeping with his wishes, there will be no visitation. Memorial contributions may be given to the Alzheimer's Association of West Michigan, Hospice of West Michigan or the Belding Library. Funeral services were entrusted to Johnson-Feuerstein Funeral Home, Belding.

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