

■ WALTER C. CLAUS

MARCH 5, 1913-DEC. 6, 2004

BELLEVUE

Walter C. Claus, 91, of Bellevue, died Monday, Dec. 6, 2004, in Bellevue Care Center.

Mr. Claus was born March 5, 1913, in Norwich Twp., Ohio, to Fred and Katherine (Schreiner) Claus. He was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Bellevue. Mr. Claus enjoyed caring for his roses, grape arbor and fruit trees. He also enjoyed reading. Mr. Claus had been a farmer and had worked for Nickel Plate/Norfolk Western (Norfolk and Southern) railroads.

On May 10, 1938, he married Loretta (Frisch) at St. Michael Catholic Church and she preceded him in death July 5, 2000.

Surviving are six children, Martin (Theresa) Claus of Bellevue, Terry (Gene) Missler of Norwalk, and Ruth (Robert) Frankfather, Raymond (Sharon) Claus and Roger (Berdella) Claus, all of Bellevue, and

Patricia Loose of Monroeville; 16 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; sisters-in-law, Clara Claus of Bellevue and Helen Meyers of Milan; and brother-in-law, Frank (Mary) Frisch of Tiffin.

He was preceded in death by his wife, a granddaughter, in infancy; his parents; brothers, Albert, Clarence, Ralph, and Vernon Claus; a sister, Anna Willman; and two siblings, Ralph and Rose, in infancy.

Visitation will be 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday in Auxter Funeral Home, 1105 Castalia St., Bellevue, with Rosary recited at 3:30 p.m. A Funeral Mass will be 10 a.m. Thursday in St. Michael Catholic Church, Marywood, with the Rev. Keith Stripe officiating. Burial will be in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery, Bellevue.

Memorials may be made to the Renovation Fund at Immaculate Conception Church.