

Deman, William J.

William Joseph Deman, 84, of Hume Township, died Wednesday, April 1, 2009 at his home under hospice care.

William was born April 8, 1924 in Hume Township, son of the late Peter and Violet (Smith) Deman.

He married Virginia Watchowski on April 24, 1948 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Dwight Township. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving during World War II. He worked as a carpenter for Richard Pettit Builders for many years. He was a member of St. Edward's Catholic Church in Kinde and the Knights of Columbus in Bad Axe.

William is survived by his wife, Virginia; five children, Rosemarie Patterson of Shelby Township, Kenneth (Zainab) Deman of Shelby Township, Marlene (Ernst) Schukraft of Bad Axe, Daniel Deman of Bad Axe, and Mark Deman of Summerville, S.C.; grandchildren, Dawn (James) Harmon, Nancy, Christina, Virginia and Zeina Deman, Todd (Heidi) Rice, Troy (Sheri) Rice and Trent Rice, and Kyle and Whitney Deman; great-grandchildren, Nora Deman and Brody, and Braylee Rice. He also is survived by one sister, Helen (Norman) Ruemenapp of Goose Creek, S.C.; two sisters-in-law, Pat Deman and Dubby Deman; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by one granddaughter, Shannon Ann Patterson Wisneski; a son-in-law, James Patterson; and three brothers, John, Jay and Joseph Deman.

Funeral Mass will be conducted at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 4, 2009 at St. Edward's Catholic Church in Kinde. The Rev. Mietek Oniskiewicz will officiate. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. Visitation will be conducted from 1 to 9 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday at the Knoblock Funeral Home in Kinde. A vigil will be conducted at 2 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.