Jan. 12, 1934
Dec. 10, 2012

Hilary J. “Fred” Friedrich, 78, of Middle Point, died at 8:33 p.m. Monday at Van Wert Inpatient Hospice Center.
He was born Jan. 12, 1934, in Delphos to Joseph and Rose (Carder) Friedrich, who preceded her in death.
He was married to Velma “Val” (Granger) Friedrich, who died Nov. 26, 1998.
Survivors include children, Gary (Mary) Friedrich of Wetzel, Sherrie Friedrich of Van Wert and Cindy Friedrich of Fort Jennings; a brother, Edward (Janelle) Friedrich of Delphos; sisters, Margaret Fischer of Delphos and Marilyn (Dick) Hemker of Findlay; and 8 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.
He was also preceded in death by two sisters.
Mr. Friedrich was a the former caretaker at King Cemetery, Middle Point, and retired from Ryder Truck Rental in Fort Wayne. He was a truck driver at Hagen Mfg., was a mechanic and worked in the parts room at Fort Wayne Leasing. He served in the US Navy Reserves for 8 years and was a member of the AMVETS Post 698, Middle Point.
He was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Delphos and was a volunteer at the Middle Point Fire Department for more than 40 years. He was a past member of Van Wert County Rabbit Breeders Assoc. and coached Middle Point Little League, ACME and Pony Leagues for both boys and girls.
Funeral services will begin at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Alspach-Gearhart Funeral Home & Crematory, Van Wert, the Rev. Stan Szybka officiating. Burial will be in King Cemetery, Middle Point.
Friends may call from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.
Preferred memorials are to the Middle Point Fire Dept. or Van Wert Inpatient Hospice Center.