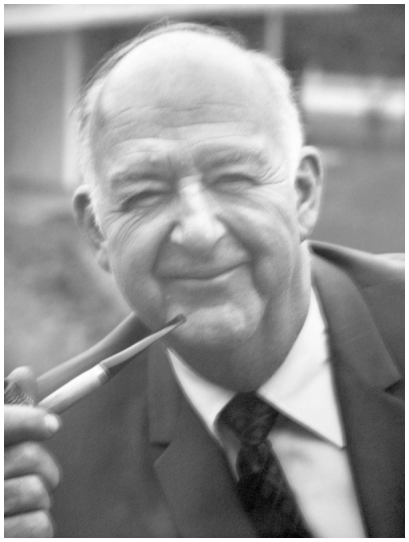

July 15, 1921
Jan. 28, 2013

Paul H. Baumgarte, 91, of Delphos, died at 11:45 p.m. Monday at Vancrest Healthcare Center. He was born July 15, 1921, in Landeck to Raymond and Sadie (Clinger) Baumgarte, who preceded him in death.
On June 24, 1945, he married Betty Byrd, who died in October 1987.
Survivors include two sons, Dennis (Beverly) Baumgarte of Batavia, N.Y., and David (Julita) Baumgarte of Mystic, Conn.; two daughters, Carol Baumgarte of Delphos and Linda (Shawn) Chesley of Poughkeepsie, N.Y.; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.
Mr. Baumgarte worked for IBM as an electrical engineer for 30 years. He was instrumental in helping build the second computer while working for IBM. He was given the opportunity to work with some top scientists including Albert Einstein, Robert Oppenheimer and Thomas Watson. He retired in 1977, moved back to Delphos and began teaching electronics at LTC. He spent 23 years passing on his knowledge to the next generation. He was an Army Air Force veteran of World War II, where he was sent to Radio School and then later traveled the world building radio stations.
Baumgarte was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Fort Jennings, the VFW, American Legion, Eagles, American Radio Relay League, Tri-county Amateur Radio Club and his call letters are WD8RJR. He was a 1939 graduate of Delphos St. John's High School and a graduate of RCA Institute of Technology in New York City, with a communication degree. He was inducted into the St. John's Hall of Fame for Professional Achievement in 2012.
He was an active woodworker and liked to build electronics. He traveled to all 50 state capitals and traveled around the world, excluding a small part of China. He was an active member of the Delphos Veterans Council.
Mass of Christian Burial will begin at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Fort Jennings, the Rev. Charles Obinwa officiating. Following the Mass, the Delphos Veterans Council and Fort Jennings American Legion will conduct military graveside rites at the church. Burial will be in St. Joseph Cemetery, Fort Jennings.
Friends may call from 2-8 p.m. Friday at Harter and Schier Funeral Home, where a parish wake

will begin at 5:30 p.m. Visitation is also offered one hour prior to services Saturday at the church.
Preferred memorials are to Wounded Warriors or donor's choice.