Sept. 7, 1954-Aug. 11, 2012
Eugene M. “Gene” Schwinnen, 57, of rural Spencerville, died at 1:35 p.m. Saturday at his residence.
He was born Sept. 7, 1954, in Lima to Aloysius F. “Ollie” and Estella C. (Gengler) Schwinnen, who are deceased.

On June 21, 1974, he married Cynthia Jean “Cindy” Grothouse, who survives.
Other survivors include three children, Amie L. (Mark) Burger of Norwalk, Bradley F. Schwinnen of Delphos and Chad R. (Valerie) Schwinnen of New Albany; four grandchildren, Gage, Benjamin and Alivia Burger and Maya Schwinnen; four siblings, LaDonna (Don) Trentman of Vandalia, Margie (Arnie) Wienken of Delphos, Larry (Sue) Schwinnen of Spencerville and Dennis (Barb) Schwinnen of Elida; sister-in-law, Irma Schwinnen of Spencerville; father- and mother-in-law, Robert and Luella Grothouse of Delphos; and brothers- and sisters-in law, Joyce Hilvers, Janet (Dave) Huffman, Bob (Linda Shaffer) Grothouse and Bill (Barb) Grothouse of Delphos, Patty (Jerry) Bonifas of Middle Point and Deb (Jay) Kundert, Jim (Tracey) Grothouse and Mark (Angie) Grothouse of Delphos.
He was also preceded in death by an infant daughter, Bethany; a grandson, Austin Schwinnen; and two brothers, Bernard “Bernie” Schwinnen and infant, Lonnie Schwinnen.
Mr. Schwinnen attended Landeck School and was a 1972 graduate of St. John’s High School. He went to work at the Ohio Department of Transportation, retiring with 38 years of service in 2010. He was a member of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Landeck, Delphos Eagles Aerie 471. He enjoyed farming with his nephew, Tim Schwinnen and loved hosting the Schwinnen Reunion at his family farm. He also enjoyed fishing and hunting.
Mass of Christian Burial will begin at 11 a.m. Wednesday at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church. Burial will be in the church cemetery.
Friends may call from 2-5 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at Thomas E. Bayliff Funeral Home, Spencerville, where a prayer service will begin at 7:45 p.m.
Preferred memorials are to donor’s choice.