July 22, 1926
Jan. 6, 2013

Thomas J. Erhart, 86, of Kalida died at 10:45 p.m. on Sunday at The Meadows of Kalida.
He was born July 22, 1926, in Kalida to Charles and Eleanor (Brinkman) Erhart, who preceded him in death.
On April 19, 1950, he married Rose Mary Catherine Fortman, who died July 5, 2005.
Survivors include two sons, Dennis (Laura) Erhart of Indianapolis, Ind., and Robert (Janet) Erhart of Kettering; two daughters, Sharon (John) Stechschulte of Kalida and Joann Horstman of Ottoville; eight grandchildren, Craig (Teresa) Stechschulte, Carol (Matt) Jahn, Kevin (Wendy) Stechschulte, Bob (Fiancee Jaimie McIntyre) Horstman, Charlie Erhart, Anne Erhart, Susan Erhart and Nicholas (Casey) Erhart; a stepgranddaughter, Gretchen (Jonathan) Stemerick; five great-grandchildren; two sisters-in-law, Theresa Erhart and Norma Erhart; and a brother-in-law, Orville Ellerbrock.
He was also preceded in death by a daughter-in-law, Kim Erhart; three brothers, Norbert J., Paul J. and Bernard J. Erhart; and a sister, Mary Ann Ellerbrock.
Mr. Erhart was owner of Erhart-Stechschulte Insurance Agency, Kalida where he was an insurance agent and was a general agent for Columbus Mutual Life. He graduated in 1950 from the University of Dayton in Business and Economics. He was a World War II Navy veteran; and a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church, Kalida; Lima Deanery Serra Club; St. Rita's Medical Center Developmental Committee; Kalida Fish and Game; Kalida K of C, where he was a 4th Degree Knight; and Kalida School Board for 8 years. He was past president of Putnam County School Board of Education, serving for 26 years; past president of St. Michael's Holy Name; past Chairman of Union Bank; and on the board of Putnam County Council on Aging. He was a charter member of Kalida Lions Club, charter member of Country Acres Golf Club in Kalida and life member of Ottawa VFW Post 9142 and Ottawa American Legion Post 63. He was instrumental in getting a doctor's office in Kalida.
Mass of Christian Burial will begin 10:30 a.m. Friday at St. Michael's Catholic Church, Kalida, the Rev. Mark Hoying officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery, with military rites by Ottawa VFW and Ottawa American Legion.
Visitation will be 6-8 p.m. Wednesday and 2-8 p.m. Thursday at Love-Heitmeyer Funeral Home, Jackson Township.
Memorial contributions may be made to Diocese of Toledo Office of Vocations or Wounded Warriors.
Condolences may be expressed at www.lovefuneralhome.com.