

**Thad M. Cochensparger**, 89, died at 2:30 a.m. Sept. 27, 2012, at Cridersville Healthcare Center, Cridersville.

He was born Oct. 7, 1922, in Lafayette to Russell L. and Anna McKee Cochensparger, who preceded him in death. On Aug. 7, 1943, he married Lenore I. Stevenson, who died March 24, 2010.

Mr. Cochensparger was a lifelong farmer on his Jackson Township farm and on the family farm of generations in Auglaize Township. He retired from building maintenance from Scot Lad Foods, after several years. Following his retirement, he and his wife wintered in Fort Myers Beach, Fla., and at Pine Island, Fla.

He had been a member of Harrod Congregational Christian Church and was currently attending Southside Christian Church, Lima. He was a Navy veteran of World War II, serving as a seaman second class aboard the USS Boston. He was a graduate of Harrod High School. He was a life member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1275, Lima. He had been a member of Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks Lodge 54, Fraternal Order of Eagles 370, Fraternal Order of Orioles Nest 173 and Fraternal Order of Police Association, all in Lima.

Survivors include a son, Bill (Nancie) Cochensparger, of Lima; a daughter, Ann (Jerry) English, of Glenwood Springs, Colo.; a daughter-in-law, Lisa Cochensparger, of Harrod; and seven grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Dave Cochensparger; and a brother, Dean Cochensparger.

Services will begin at 11 a.m. Monday at Hanson-Neely Funeral Home, Ada. Pastor Doug Adams will officiate. Burial will be in Lafayette Cemetery, Lafayette, with military rites by VFW Post 1275.