

Wells G. Boutell

Wells G. Boutell, 77, 534 S. Lynn St., Bryan, died Wednesday evening, Dec. 22, 1993, in Community Hospitals of Williams County-Bryan after a lengthy battle with cancer.

The son of Bertha and George Boutell, he was born July 5, 1916, in Perry, Mich.

He had been a district manager with Thermogas for 31 years, retiring in 1980.

As a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church, he was an usher and lay minister, and served on the school board and parish council.

Mr. Boutell organized the Christophers, a group that visits shut-ins, and this year he received the Roger Seibert Shared Responsibility Award from the Diocese of Toledo.

A member of the Bryan Knights of Columbus, he was a former grand knight and was Catholic Layman of the Assembly in 1966. He also was a member of the Bishop Rappe Assembly, Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus.

Mr. Boutell was a past president of the Bryan Lions Club, and served as district governor and received the International Lions Presidential Award in 1986.

He was involved in organizing the Ohio Lions All-State Band, the Lions Club in Pioneer and the Bryan Lioness Club.

As a community volunteer he was active with the American Red Cross Bloodmobile, Bryan Meals on Wheels and Bryan Area Reading Coalition, and was a former Big Brother with the juvenile court.

Surviving are his wife of 56 years, Esther; a daughter, Mrs. F. Phillip (Beverly) Clohset of Kingwood, Texas; two sons, Richard (and wife, Vicki) of Cincinnati and Ronald (Leslie) of Dublin, Ohio; a brother, Dan of Manchester, Mich.; nine grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death was a son, Robert.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday in St. Patrick's Catholic Church with the Rev. Father David Beck officiating. Burial will be in Shiffler Cemetery.

Friends may call after 2 p.m. Sunday in the Greenisen-Tilton & Rice Funeral Home, Bryan, where the Bryan Lions Club will conduct a service at 7:30 p.m. Sunday and the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus will conduct a rosary service at 8 p.m. Sunday. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.