William “Bill” Saehler,

Lifelong resident of Minnesota City, passed away on Tuesday, May 12, 2015 surrounded by his wife and family at Sauer Health Care.

Bill was born on July 18, 1924 in Winona to Harry and Lena (Kloetzke) Saehler. He graduated from Winona Senior High School in 1942 where he was the first President of their Future Farmers of America chapter. Bill proudly served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He then graduated from the University of Minnesota School of Agriculture in 1948.

He met and married the love of his life, Rose Marie Arnoldy, on April 30, 1949 at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Rollingstone. They made their home in Minnesota City where they raised eight children.

He worked with his father on the family truck farm in Minnesota City. After farming, he worked at Armour Fertilizer, Lake Center Industries and then worked and retired from Winona State University in the department of maintenance and repair.

Bill will be most fondly remembered for his love of gardening, driving his John Deere tractor, and spending time with his family and friends. He had many other interests which included photography, camping, basketball, baseball, being a Boy Scout leader, and flying a single-engine plane in his youth.

Bill will be greatly missed by his wife of 66 years, Rose Marie; children Edward (Kathy) Saehler, John (Peggy) Saehler, Ann (John) Orzechowski, Mary (Tom) Styba, Becky (Dave) Korder, William Jr (Donna) Saehler, Theresa (Patrick) McCamley, Susan (Mike) Smith; 28 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and many more relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sisters Helen Witt, Rosie Wockenfuss and Irene Heuer.

A visitation will be held at Fawcett-Junker Funeral Home on Sunday, May 17, 2015 from 3-6 p.m. with a prayer service at 5:30 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be on Monday, May 18, 2015 at 12:30 p.m. at St. Mary’s Catholic Church, Winona. Father James Berning will officiate. Visitation will be held again in the Commons of St. Mary’s Church from 11:30 p.m. to 12:30 p.m. prior to the mass. Interment will be at St. Mary’s Cemetery with military honors provided by the VFW 1287.

Pallbearers will be grandchildren of Bill and Rose Marie.

In lieu of flowers, memorials preferred to St. Mary’s Catholic Church or your charity of choice.