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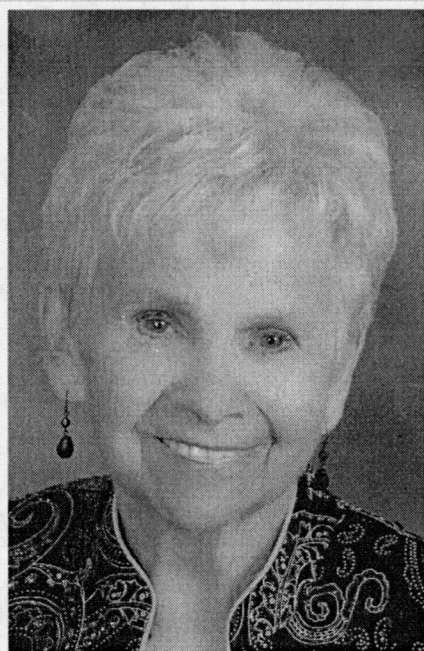
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Esther Winner

December 29, 1932 - July 19, 2014

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Esther A. (Dirksen) Winner,

Age 81, of Meranda Rd., Anna, Ohio, passed away of natural causes at her home on Saturday, July 19, 2014. She was born December 29, 1932, in Cassella, Ohio, to the late Clarence and Philomena (Homan) Dirksen. On June 8, 1955, at Nativity of Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church in Cassella, Esther married Orville B. Winner who preceded her in death on February 21, 2007. She is survived by six children: Mary & Jim Billing of Anna, Alan & Renee Winner of Degraff, Jane & Jon Luthman of Botkins, Ted & Jodie Winner of Sidney, Kate & Ron Bensman of El Dorado Hills, CA, Jay & Colleen Winner of Lewistown; thirty-one grandchildren and thirty great-grandchildren; six siblings: Alma Schmittmeyer of Cranberry, Rita Evers of Burketsville, Joan Poeppelman of Yorkshire, Ruth & Marvin Evers of Coldwater, Louis & Sally Dirksen of Portland, IN, Dennis & Jody Dirksen of Cassella; sisters & brothers-in-law: Mary Dirksen of Uvalde, TX, Virginia Thobe of Maria Stein, Jerry & Marilyn Winner of Fort Loramie, Marlene & Robert Sanders of Hudson,

and Carol & Sam Morgan of Kettering. She was preceded in death by a grandson, Ezra Winner; two siblings, Herb Dirksen and Helen Wenning; brothers & sisters-in-law: George Wenning, Ernest Schmitmeyer, Ed Evers, John Poeppelman, Harold Thobe, Rosemary & Joe Wood, Joan & Ken Tragesser and Joe Dorsten.

Esther was a 1951 graduate of St. John's High School. She was a member of Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church, the Alter Rosary Sodality, and had been a past member of Shelby County Right to Life. A devoted farmwife and homemaker; Esther enjoyed her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She also loved nature; especially birds and flowers.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 AM, Thursday, July 24, 2014, at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church in McCartyville with Fr. John W. Tonkin presiding. Interment will follow at the church cemetery. Friends may call Wednesday 3:00 to 8:00 PM and Thursday 9:00 to 10:00 AM in the church gathering room. Memorials may be made to Wilson Hospice Care or Shelby County Right to Life. Condolences may be expressed at www.gehretfuneralhome.com

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