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Thursday, January 22, 2004

Rita M. Barlage

Rita M. Barlage, 64, of Versailles, died Saturday, Jan. 17, 2004 in Ohio State University Hospital, Columbus.

Mrs. Barlage was born Aug. 9, 1934 at Wendelin, the daughter of the late Andrew Albers and Cecelia Hemmelgarn Albers who survives in St. Henry.

She married Alvin L. Barlage, Jan. 4, 1964 at St. Francis Church, Cranberry Prairie. He survives.

Other survivors include her children: Anthony (Kristine) of Versailles, Theodore (Linda) of Yorkshire, Brenda of Dayton, Brian (Traci) of Fort Loramie, Tressa of East Lansing, Mich., Steven (Tricia) of Chickasaw; and 11 grandchildren.

Sisters, Betty (Richard) Schulze of McCartyville, Mary (Fred) Schmitz of Fort Recovery, Sr. Ann Cecil Albers of Cincinnati, and Charlene (Herbert) Homan of Fort Recovery; and brothers: Robert (Joann) Albers of North Star and James (Judy) Albers of Wapakoneta, also survive.

A sister preceded her in death.

Mrs. Barlage was a member of Sts. Peter and Paul Church, Newport, and the Ladies Sodality of the parish. She was a long time choir member. She belonged to the Minster Eagles. She was a graduate of St. Henry Schools and was a Walmart associate for the past 14 years. She enjoyed attending Cursillo retreats in Cincinnati.

Rev. Steven Shoup will celebrate a Mass of Christian Burial, Jan. 22 at Sts. Peter and Paul Church. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Visitation will be Wednesday 2 to 8 p.m. and again Thursday, 9 to 10 a.m. in Gehret Funeral Home, Fort Loramie.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association or the charity of the donor's choice.