

Esther C. (Bauer) Borchers, age 91 of Fort Loramie, passed away of natural causes Wednesday evening, March 16, 2011, at Heritage Manor Nursing Home in Minster.



She was born June 25, 1919 in Botkins to the late Alphonse and Agnes (Buehler) Bauer.

On Aug. 18, 1942, Esther married William H. Borchers, at Immaculate Conception Church in Botkins, who preceded her in death.

Surviving are two sons and one daughter, Roger and Ellen Borchers of Franklin, Tenn., David and Kathy Borchers of Dayton, and Marily and Edward Schweitzer of Celina; one daughter-in-law, Amanda Borchers of Muskego, Wisc.; seven grandchildren, Michelle and Rich Buethe, Nicole and Erik Boye, Todd and Melissa Borchers, Bridget and Kurt Krebs, Becky and Jason Shields, Lee Schweitzer, and Bro. Ignatius Schweitzer; 14 great-grandchildren as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by a son, John "Jack" Borchers; three siblings, Sr. Ruth Marie, Wilbert, and Frederick "Fritz" Bauer; brothers and sisters-in-law, Jean and Pauline "Polly" Baur, Victoria and John Albers, and Joseph and Mary, Carl and Elsie, Irene, and Thomas and Emily Borchers.

Esther was a parishioner of St. Michael Catholic Church in Fort Loramie and was a member of St. Ann's Ladies Sodality, Rosary Alter Society, and Knights of St. John Ladies Auxillary. She was a past president of Fort Loramie American Legion Ladies Auxillary and Fort Loramie Historical Society. Esther served as a library and classroom volunteer for Fort Loramie Elementary School and served in the canteen for American Red Cross blood drives. A 1937 graduate of Botkins High School, Esther retired from the former Borchers Store in Fort Loramie, where she was part owner and operator. Esther enjoyed playing cards and watching TV, especially The Price Is Right, the Catholic Channel, and basketball.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m., Thursday, March 24, 2011, at St. Michael Church with Rev. Steven Shoup presiding. Interment will follow at St. Michael's Cemetery.

Friends may call Wednesday 4-8 p.m. and Thursday 9-10 a.m. at Gehret Funeral Home in Fort Loramie. Memorials can be made to the American Diabetes Association or the American Heart Association. Private condolences may be expressed at www.gehretfuneralhome.com.