

Thursday, December 5, 2002

Obituary

Irene A. Ruschau, 85, 312 Park Blvd., Versailles, died Saturday, Nov. 30, 2002 in Wayne County Hospital, Greenville.

Mrs. Ruschau was born Nov. 6, 1917 in Cassella, the daughter of the late Edward and Rosella Bertke Heitkamp.

She married Marinus W. Ruschau, Oct. 28, 1939. He survives.

Other survivors include sons, Robert (Joan) of Versailles and Allen (Carol) of Tipp City; daughters, Carolyn (Joe) Steiger of Zanesville, Donna Phillips of Rochester, N.Y., and Cindy (Richard) Sowell of Lambertville, Mich.; 17 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

Brothers, David (Thecla) Heitkamp of Maria Stein and Dennis (Rita) Heitkamp of New Bremen and sisters, Alvira Schoenlein of St. Marys, Velma Bruns of Maria Stein, Juanita Steinbrunner of Fort Recovery and Alberta (Dave) Hackemoeller of Minster also survive.

Two brothers preceded her in death.

Mrs. Ruschau was a member of St. Denis Church, Versailles and the Daughters of Isabella.

She was a homemaker.

Rev. David Vincent celebrated a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Denis Church, Dec. 4. Burial followed in St. Valbert Cemetery.

Bailey Zechar Funeral Home handled the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to Versailles Life Squad.