

Mary Ann Seger

Mary Ann Seger, 85, of 255 N. Garfield St., Minster, died at 3:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2012, at her residence surrounded by her family.

She was born on May 16, 1926, in Shelby County, the daughter of John and Mary C. (Meyer) Dircksen, and they preceded her in death.

On June 4, 1947, she married Jerome B. Seger, and he preceded her in death on June 17, 1991.

She is survived by eight of her nine children, Teresa and Jim Hamaker of Sidney, Doris Bilter of Oswego, Ill., Connie and Bill Grillot of Versailles, Bonnie and Steve Brunson of McCartyville, Ted and Lois Seger of Minster, Phyllis and Steve Collins of Minster, Laurie Seger of Minster, Tina and Ted Riethman of Minster. A son, Vernon J. Seger, died on Oct. 24, 1969, in Vietnam. Also, a son-in-law, Bruce Bilter, is deceased.

She is also survived by her 31 grandchildren, Kendra, Jill, Erin and Kristen Hamaker, Margo, Brad, Adam, Ben and Mindy Bilter, Renee (Grillot) Barga, Ed, Jason, Carl, Alan, Sarah (Grillot) Jacobs, Colleen, Mary and Christopher Grillot, Travis, Stephanie (Brunson) Jordan, Tara (Brunson) Dohner, and Mark Brunson, Craig, Jennifer (Seger) Hayden, Angie (Seger) Muhlenkamp and Stacey Seger, Derek and Jenna Collins and Nathan, Josh and Kyle Riethman; 29 great-grandchildren; three stepgreat-grandchildren.

Four brothers preceded her in death: Henry, Albert, Herman and John Dircksen. A sister-in-law, Anna Marie Dircksen survives in Minster. Two of Mary Ann's in-laws from the Seger family survive, Bertha Seger of Yorkshire and Richard Middendorf of Fort Loramie.

Mary Ann was a member of St. Augustine Catholic Church in Minster. She was a Gold Star Mother and a member of the FOE 1391 Auxiliary of Minster. She enjoyed quilting, crocheting and was an avid bowler until the age of 82. She was employed at Heritage Manor Nursing Center until 1978 and then volunteered there until 2011. She was named "Volunteer of the Year" in 2010.

A Mass of Christian burial was held on Feb. 11 at St. Augustine Church, with the Rev. Rick Nieberding officiating. Burial followed at St. Augustine Cemetery.