

Josephine B. Dircksen

Josephine B. Dircksen, 80, of Maria Stein, died Sunday, May 30, in her residence, at 6009 Dircksen Road.

Mrs. Dircksen was born March 13, 1924 in Maria Stein, the daughter of the late Bernard and Rose Streacker Fullenkamp.

She married Eugene R. Dircksen, May 23, 1945. He died Aug. 5, 2003.

Survivors include sons: Delbert (Janice) of Frenchtown, Ohio and Gabriel (Shirley) of Maria Stein; daughters: Janet (Leon) Ruhenkamp of Versailles, Bernice (Henry) Albers of McCartyville, Elaine (Dennis) Bruns of St. Sebastian, Mary (Greg) Barhorst of Anna, Marilyn (Patrick) Bergman of Versailles, Doris (Mark) Kremer of Versailles and Roseann (Thomas) Wendeln of Minster; 48 grandchildren and 33 great-grandchildren.

Brothers: Henry (Mary) Fullenkamp of Russia and Othmar (Mary) Fullenkamp of Maria Stein; and sisters: Norma Mesmer of Fulton, N.Y., Martha (Robert) Lee of Lincoln, Neb., also survive.

Mrs. Dircksen was a member of St. Francis Church, Cranberry Prairie, and the St. Francis Ladies Sodality.

She enjoyed crocheting, gardening, her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was a homemaker.

Fr. David Hoying will celebrate a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Francis Church, Thursday, June 3, at 10:30 a.m. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Visitation will be Wednesday, 2 to 9 p.m. and Thursday, 9 to 10 a.m. at Hogenkamp Funeral Home, Coldwater.

Memorial contributions may be made to State of the Heart Home Health and Hospice.