



Rita M. Mestemaker

Rita M. Mestemaker, 79, died on Tuesday, June 17, 2008, at Joint Township District Memorial Hospital, in St. Marys.

She was born on Aug. 18, 1928, to Peter and Rose (Weisman) Heckler of Celina. On Jan. 24, 1951, she married Alvin "Shorty" Mestemaker, who preceded her in death on March 4, 1985.

She is survived by her children: Kathleen (Michael) Siegrist of Maria Stein, Joann (Larry) Myron of West Point, Miss., Diane (Marvin) Siefring of Fort Recovery, John (Toni) Mestemaker of New Weston and Steven (Rose) Mestemaker of New Weston, as well as 17 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren. She also leaves behind two brothers, Maurice (Hannah) Heckler of Celina and Albert (Anna Rita) Heckler of Celina, and sisters-in-law, Phyllis Raker of Celina, Mildred Heckler of Celina and Colleen Heckler of Celina. She is preceded in death by five brothers: Ed, Dale, Wayne, Earl and Carl.

She was a member of St. Bernards Catholic Church in Burkettsville and the Altar Rosary Sodality of the parish.

Funeral services were held on Friday, June 20, 2008, at St. Bernards Church, with the Rev. Tony Fortman officiating. Hogenkamp Funeral Home in St. Henry handled the arrangements.