

## Esther D. Abels

Esther D. (Hein) Abels, 92, of Coldwater died Monday, May 18, 2009 at the Gardens at St. Henry.

She was born on April 5, 1917 in Coldwater, to the late Jacob & Frances (Knapke) Hein. On July 6, 1939 she married Leo Abels in Coldwater, and he died on Oct. 15, 1973.



She is survived by four children: Phyllis (Jim) Hall of Gloucester, Va., Mary Lee (Ed) Gehret of Willowdell, Larry (Barb) Abels of Clayton and Linda (Joe) Knapschaefer of Coldwater; as well as 16 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren. She also leaves behind a sister Mary Kay (Gene) Tangeman of Coldwater, a sister-in-law Eleanor Elking

of Chickasaw and a brother-in-law Ben Schmitz of Fort Recovery. She is preceded in death by a brother Elmer Hein and a grandchild.

She was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Coldwater, St. Ann's Rosary Altar Sodality, St. Cecelia Knights of St. John, Catholic Knights in Cassella and the St. Mary's Ladies Sodality Philothea. She volunteered at Briarwood Manor, Coldwater CCD, Coldwater Elementary Cafeteria and the Bloodmobile.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Holy Trinity Catholic Church on Friday, May 22, 2009 with Rev. Richard Walling officiating. Memorials can be made to State of the Heart Hospice 230 W. Main St Coldwater, OH 45828. Hogenkamp Funeral Home in Coldwater handled the arrangements.