Adele J. Hilgefort

Adele J. Hilgefort, 87, of Fort Loramie, died Feb. 20, 2004 in Heritage Manor Nursing Center, Minster, where she had lived for seven years.

Mrs. Hilgefort was born Dec. 27, 1916 in Fort Loramie, the daughter of the late Anton and Alvina Seger Hoelscher.

He married Mathias N. Hilgefort, June 30, 1936. He died Jan. 26, 1968.

Survivors include her children: Ruth (Dick) Bruggeman of Fort Loramie, Jim (Judy) of Fort Loramie, Karl (Kathy) of Fort Loramie, Kathleen Schemmel of California, Linda (John) Poynter of Troy; 19 grandchildren and 36 great-grandchildren.

A half brother Jerome (Doris) Wissman of New Bremen, also survives.

Two step sisters, five step brothers, and two grandchildren have preceded her in death.

Mrs. Hilgefort was a member of St. Michael Church, Fort Loramie and the St. Anne Ladies' Sodality of the church, and the Apostleship of Prayer. She was a charter member of the Knights of St. John Ladies' Auxiliary in Fort Loramie.

She was a retired wedding and special occasion cook.

Rev. Steve Shoup celebrated a Mass of Christian Burial Feb. 24 at St. Michael Church. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Hogenkamp Funeral Home, Minster, handled the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Fort Loramie Life Squad.