

## **Marjorie J. Keifer**

Marjorie J. Keifer, 69, of New Bremen, died at 12:40 a.m. Tuesday, May 1, 2007, at Joint Township District Memorial Hospital in St. Marys.

She was born May 8, 1938, in Botkins, a daughter of Victor and Loretta (Prenger) Huelskamp, and was raised by her father and step-mother, Rosella (Vehorn) Huelsman, after her mother died when she was a young child.

On Aug. 10, 1957, she married Gerald A. Keifer, and he survives in Minster.

She is also survived by two sons, Bruce (Michele) Keifer of Lakeview, Randy (Melissa Keifer of New Knoxville; a daughter, Yvonne (Keith) Garman of New Bremen; three brothers, Jim (Rhonda) Huelskamp of Anna, Dennis (Anni) Huelskamp of Botkins, Dave (Edith) Huelskamp of Botkins; four sisters, Betty Huelskamp of Botkins, Kathy (Fred) Sextro of Minster, Lois (Norm) Howell of St. Marys, Jane (Jon) Uppenkamp of Botkins; and four grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Kenneth Huelskamp.

She was a member of the Church of the Holy Redeemer in New Bremen, as well as American Legion Post 241 Auxiliary in New Bremen.

She was a homemaker and helped teach at the Serendipity Preschool in New Bremen for more than 34 years.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Friday, May 4, 2007, at the Church of the Holy Redeemer in New Bremen, with the Rev. Thomas Bannebach officiating. As keeping with Mrs. Keifer's requests, her body was cremated following the funeral mass with burial of her cremains in the German Protestant Cemetery in New Bremen at a later date.

Gilberg-Hartwig Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the American Cancer Society.