

## Helen K. Schemmel

Helen K. Schemmel, 98, formerly of New Bremen, and of Eagle Drive in Minster, died at 2 a.m. Saturday, March 10, 2012, at Heritage Manor Nursing Center in Minster, where she had been a resident for five years.

She was born on July 27, 1913, in Sidney, the daughter of Albert and Zita (Guissinger) Kloeppel

She was married on Nov. 19, 1930, in Sidney, to William M. Schemmel, and he preceded her in death on Jan. 21, 1991. Helen is survived by her children, Mary Ellen and Dwight Kurtzman of Van Wert, Ronald Schemmel of New Bremen. A daughter, Dolores and her husband Paul Opperman, of New Bremen, preceded her in death.

She is also survived by 12 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren. She was the last of her family of two brothers, Gerard and Leonard Kloeppel, and one infant twin sister, Catherine, are deceased.

Helen was a member of St. Augustine Catholic Church in Minster and a former member of Holy Redeemer Church and the Ladies Sodality of the church in New Bremen. She had been a cook at New Bremen Schools, and she retired from Auglaize School in New Bremen.

A Mass of Christian burial was held at 10 a.m. Wednesday March 14, at St. Augustine Church, with the Rev. Rick Nieberding officiating. Burial followed at Graceland Cemetery in Sidney.

Memorial contributions will be used for Masses at the St. Charles Seminary Chapel. Condolences may be left at [www.hogenkampfh.com](http://www.hogenkampfh.com).