

Ruth M. Heitkamp

Ruth M. Heitkamp, of Minster, died Sunday Dec. 28, 2008 at Ottberbein in St. Marys at the age of 93.

She was born July 4, 1915 in Maria Stein to the late August and Catherine (Bertke) Kremer. On April 16, 1940 she married Elmer B. Heitkamp in Maria Stein. He preceded her in death on April 28, 1983.

She is survived by her children and grandchildren, Esther and Charles Roope (Jeff and Chris) of Grove City, Joan and Howard Beaufait (Greg, Nicole and Eric) of Canton, Karen Halstead of Columbus, Judith and Gregory Dorney (Erin and Allison) of Powell, Mike and Jane Heitkamp (Doug and Kate) of Springsboro, Steve and Betty Heitkamp (Alan, Shelley and Phillip) of Minster, James and Renee Heitkamp (Bradley and Stacey) of Diamond, Debra and Jeff Siefring (Anna, Leah, Mitchell and Robbie) of Hopedale, Mass as well as 12 great grandchil-

dren.

Survivors also include her sister Norma Dahlinghaus of Egypt and her sister-in-law Mary Ann Kremer of Maria Stein.

She was preceded in death by four brothers, Alphose, Felix, David and Paul, two sisters, Edith Brun and Rose Geier, a son-in-law Gary Halstead, and one great grandchild.

She was a member of St. Augustine Catholic Church in Minster, the Knights of St. John Auxiliary in Ft. Loramie and a former member of the church Mission Commission and many other church organizations.

Visitation will be from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday Jan. 1, 2009 and from 9 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 2.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Friday Jan. 2 at 10 a.m. at St. Augustine with the Rev. Ken Schnipke officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.