

Thelma Rose Monnin

Thelma Rose (Lachey) Monnin, age 97, died peacefully at Hospice of Dayton on Saturday, Nov. 1, 2008, All Saint's Day.



She was born in Newport, Ohio on Dec. 17, 1910, and was the last surviving member of the Frank Nicholas and Clara (Moorman) Lachey family.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 54 years, Herman Joseph Monnin; daughters, Norma Jean Rock and Mary Ann Monnin; grandchildren, Shirley Anne Monnin and Randall Lee Money. Thelma's family was her life. Thus her generous spirit, abiding faith and wisdom will live on in the minds and hearts of her children and their families. She will be greatly missed.

Surviving Mrs. Monnin are sons: Norman (Pat) of Kettering, Herman, Jr. (Barb Walton) of Vandalia, Anthony of Springboro and Charles (Laura) of Centerville. There are two surviving daughters; Joan (Don) Money of Vandalia and Rose Duckro (Barb Pfaffe) of Surf City, New Jersey. Thelma had a keen influence on all 16 of her grandchildren as she was very involved with them in their youth, particularly Norma's daughters whom she raised; Marilyn (Mike) Balsamo of Dayton, Colleetta (Ron) DeChant of Avon Lake and Diana Caupp of Huber Heights; grandsons, Chad (Donata) Monnin of Columbus and Sean (Michelle) Monnin of Sevierville, Tenn., were also significant. She also leaves behind one step-grandchild, 28 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren. Thelma is survived by one sister-in-law, Hilda Lachey, and many nieces and nephews.

Thelma loved nature and was a lifelong friend to animals. She was a splendid gardener and cook.

A prayer service will be held at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 6, 2008 at the Meyer-Boehmer & Reis Funeral Home, 1733 Brown St. Dayton, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 12 p.m. at St. Albert the Great Catholic Church, Kettering. Burial will follow at Calvary Cemetery. Family will receive friends Wednesday, Nov. 5, from 4 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. If desired, memorial contributions in Thelma's memory may be made to Hospice of Dayton 324 Wilmington Ave. Dayton, OH 45420.