

## Rita M. Fenner

Rita M. (Monnin) Hilgefort Fenner, 95, formerly of Piqua, passed away of natural causes on Wednesday evening, Feb. 8, 2012, at Heritage Manor Nursing Home in Minster, where she had been a resident for several months.



On June 4, 1916, she was born to the late Charles and Emma (Marchal) Monnin in Russia, Ohio.

On Nov. 26, 1936, she married Frank B. Hilgefort at St. Remy Church in Russia, and he preceded her in death on April 1, 1963.

Nearly seven years later, on Feb. 26, 1970, at St. Teresa Church in Covington, she married G. Harrison Fenner, and he also preceded her in death on Aug. 6, 1988.

She is survived by three children, Ronald and Betty Hilgefort of Montezuma, Debbie and Ken Woehrmyer of Lebanon, Kay Nederostek of Allentown, Pa.; a daughter-in-law, Jan Hilgefort of Ozone, Tenn.; 14 grandchildren; many great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by two sons, Kenneth and Terrence Hilgefort; six siblings, Mildred (Clarence) Pepiot, Rosemary (Jack) Wilson, Wilmer (Josephine), Floyd (Frieda), Paul (Dolly), Lester Monnin.

Rita was a homemaker. In 1970, she moved to New Port Richie, Fla., where she worked part-time for an optometrist while attending class to receive her high school diploma. She returned to Piqua in 1977. She attended St. Boniface Catholic Church in Piqua and was a past member of St. Ann's Ladies Sodality in Fort Loramie. Rita enjoyed making and selling crafts, planting flowers, and for many years, she had also been an avid Reds fan.

A Mass of Christian burial was held on Feb. 13 at the St. Michael Church in Fort Loramie, with the Rev. Steven Shoup officiating. Interment followed at St. Michael's Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be directed to a charity of donor's choice. Condolences may be expressed at [www.gehretfuneralhome.com](http://www.gehretfuneralhome.com).