

Esther A. Rethman

Esther A. Rethman, 69, 2168 Buckeye St., Maria Stein, died Sunday, Oct. 19 in Miami Valley Hospital, Dayton.

Mrs. Rethman was born Jan. 19, 1934 in St. Rose, the daughter of the late Anthony and Clara Evers Schoenlein.

She married Walter A. Rethman, June 29, 1955 in St. Rose. He died Oct. 19, 2000.

Survivors include seven children: Karen (Morris) Bensman of St. Henry, Marilyn (Mike) Knapke of Portland, Ind., Bonnie (Chuck) Niswonger, of Lebanon, Ohio, Roger (Denise) of Maria Stein, Joan (Chuck) Rutschilling of St. Henry and Lori of Maria Stein; 16 grandchildren and one step grandchild.

A special friend, Tom Poeppelman of Yorkshire, also survives; as do sisters, Mary Rutschilling of Minster and Alfrieda (Lavern) Wolters of Coldwater.

Four brothers preceded her in death.

Mrs. Rethman was a member of St. John Church, Maria Stein, and the Ladies Sodality of the Church.

She was a volunteer at the Spiritual Center in Maria Stein.

Rev. Ken Schroeder celebrated a Mass of Christian Burial, Oct. 22 in St. John Church. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Hogenkamp Funeral Home, Minster, handled the arrangements.

