

Josephine Mary Bruns

Josephine Mary Bruns, age 89 and formerly of Yorkshire, passed away Monday Feb. 7, 2011 in Newark.

She was born on a farm on Reed Road outside of Yorkshire on March 26, 1921 to Anton and Sophia Holscher Wenning.



She married Harold J. Bruns on June 25, 1947 at St. Nicholas Church in Osgood. He preceded her in death on Oct. 3, 1973.

She is survived by children, M. Joanne and Ron Sherwood of Granville, Susan K. and Thomas Moffitt of Hamilton, Margaret A. "Peg" Seng of Bladensburg, Sharon E. and Joseph Henry of Versailles, Nicholas J. and Jane Bruns of Hickory Corners, Mich.; 10 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren; brothers and sisters, Theresa K. Alexander of Russia, Cletus F. and Lois Wenning of Osgood, Leo A. and Marguerite Wenning of Yorkshire; brother-in-law, Hugo and Betty Schlarman of Osgood and sister-in-law, Francis Wenning.

She was preceded in death by brothers and sisters, Henry J. Wenning, Martha B. Wenning, Rita and Leo Bollheimer, Elizabeth Schlarman and brother-in-law Firmin Alexander.

She was a member of St. Nicholas Catholic Church in Osgood. She graduated from Versailles High School in 1939, then graduated valedictorian with RN license from St. Elizabeth's Hospital School of Nursing, Dayton in 1942. She also graduated with BS in Nursing Education from Catholic University of America, 1945.

She cared for polio patients in Washington, D.C. and also obtained education credits from Miami University in Oxford for an elementary education certificate. She taught nursing at St. Elizabeth's Hospital School of Nursing and worked at Sidney Memorial Hospital in nursing. She taught fourth grade at St. Denis Catholic School in Versailles, taught eighth grade science, health and was the school nurse at Versailles Exempted Village Schools. She worked for the Darke County Health Department by teaching health classes for the public and day care providers, she was coordinator for an immunization clinic, performed newborn home visits, performed blood pressure screenings and held mass flu immunization clinics.

She was inducted into Senior Citizen Hall of Fame on May, 1995. She was a leader and founder of the Patterson Patchers 4-H Club, volunteer and founding member of Osgood Life Squad, former president and member of American Legion Post 588 Ladies' Auxiliary and a former president and member of St. Nicholas Church Ladies' Sodality.

Mass of Christian Burial was held on Friday, Feb. 11, 2011 at St. Nicholas Catholic Church in Osgood with Rev. David Zink Celebrant. Burial followed in St. Martin Cemetery in Osgood.

Memorial donations may be made to The Osgood Life Squad.

Condolences may be left at hogenkampfh.com.