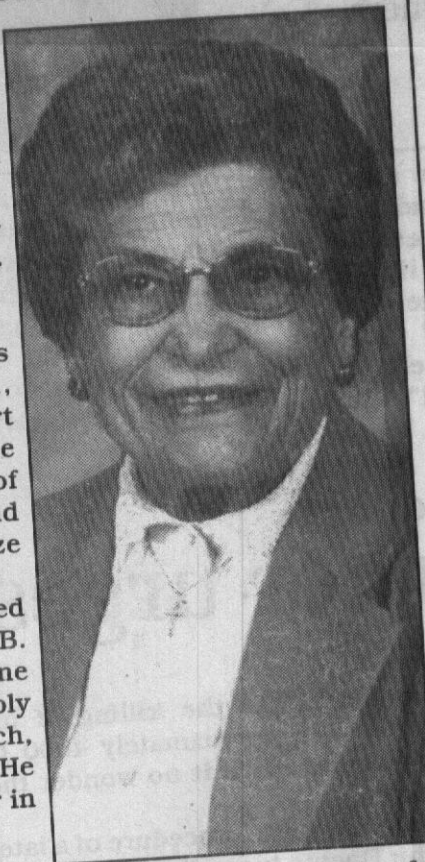


Rita A. Holthaus

Rita A. Holthaus, 81, of Fort Loramie, died Thursday, July 28, 2004 in Joint Township District Memorial Hospital, St. Marys.

Mrs. Holthaus was born July 21, 1923 in Fort Loramie, the daughter of Joseph A. and Anna Schulze Winner.

She married Gregor B. Holthaus, June 11, 1947 in Holy Family Church, Frenchtown. He preceded her in death.



Survivors include her children: Ronald (Velma) of Yorkshire, Gerald (Judy) of Minster, Kenneth (Bonita) of Minster, Martha "Marty" (John) Speer of Covington, Marvin of Fort Loramie, and Richard of Minster.

Sisters Mildred Prenger of Coldwater and Joan Holdheide of Fort Loramie, also survive.

Two brothers have preceded her in death.

Mrs. Holthaus was a member of St. Michael Church in Fort Loramie and the St. Ann's Sodality and Apostleship of Prayer. She belonged to the North Catholic Widow and Widowers Group.

She had been a farm homemaker.

Rev. Steve Shoup celebrated a Mass of Christian Burial, Aug. 2 at St. Michael Church. Burial followed at St. Michael Cemetery.

Gehret Funeral Home, Fort Loramie, handled the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.