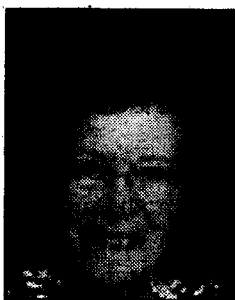


## **Norma J. Purpus**

Norma J. Purpus, 85, of N. Garfield St., Minster, died at 6:11 a.m. Tuesday, July 3, 2012, at her residence.

She was born on Dec. 11, 1926, in Minster, the daughter of the late Julius and Nora (Ritter) Woehrmyer.



She married Theodore "Ted" Purpus on April 12, 1947, at St. Augustine Church in Minster, and he preceded her in death on Oct. 20, 2007.

She is survived by her children, Nancy and Tim Jay, Don Purpus, Jay and Renee Purpus all of Minster; grandchildren, Holly, Russell, Andrew, Amy, Bryan, Matt, Sarah, Craig and Benjamin; adopted family, Jeff and Ruth Bitler, and their children, Daniel and Nicole all of Minster; brother-in-law, Thomas Purpus of Anderson, Ind.

She was also preceded in death by her daughter and son-in-law, Janet and Lyndel Belcher; brothers and sister, Russell and Irma (Feldman) Woehrmyer, Vera and Harold Dorsten, Earl and Phyllis Woehrmyer.

She was a member of St. Augustine Catholic Church in Minster, where she was a lay distributor, lector and a CCD teacher. She was also a founding member of the F.J. Stallo Library Board, the CL of C, St. Monica's Rosary Alter Sodality, the Minster Historical Society, Ladies Bridge Marathon and Minster Athletic Booster of the Year.

A Mass of Christian burial was held at 10 a.m. Monday, July 9, at St. Augustine Catholic Church, with the Rev. Rick Nieberding officiating. Burial was held in St. Augustine Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Minster Area Life Squad and Grand Lake Hospice.

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