

Marita M. Bertke

Marita M. Bertke, 77, of Coldwater, died Feb. 26, 2006, at Briarwood Manor Nursing Home. Born April 4, 1928 in St. Sebastian, she was the daughter of Joseph and Helen (Heyne) Wolters. On May 24, 1950, she married James E. Bertke in Coldwater.

Preceding her in death were her parents and her husband.

Surviving her are children, Roseann and Timothy Burton of Indiana; Barbara and Danny Long of Union City; Mary and Tim Black of Coldwater and Noreen and Randy Brunswick of Fort Loramie; siblings, Woody and Skeet Wolters of Coldwater; Rosella and Tom Budde of Wisconsin; Ruth Beck of California; Marty and Larry Poor of Celina and sister-in-law, Mary Alice Bertke of Celina, as well as numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church, she was a Eucharistic minister, a CCD teacher and a member of St. Ann's Rosary Altar Sodality. She was also a member of St. Cecelia Knights of John, Coldwater Eagles Auxiliary, Widow and Widowers Club, the Red Hat Society and Community Hospital Volunteers. Bertke loved to crochet lap blankets, baby booties and hats for the hospital. She retired from Huffy in Celina after 35 years.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 2 at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with the Rev. Thomas Dorn presiding. Burial will follow at St. Elizabeth cemetery in Coldwater.

Visitation hours are from 2 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, March 1 and from 9 to 10 a.m. on Thursday, March 2, at Hogenkamp Funeral Home in Coldwater.

Memorials may be sent to Cancer Association of Mercer County.

Hogenkamp Funeral Home in Coldwater handled arrangements.