

Gertrude E. Ripploh

Gertrude E. Ripploh, 90, of Minster, died at 8:10 p.m. Wednesday Oct. 3, 2012, at Heritage Manor Nursing Home in Minster.

She was born on Sept. 20, 1922 in Colifax, Ill., the daughter of the late Richard and Stella (Fitzpatrick) Kelley.



She married her first husband, Rex Deidrich, in 1943, and he preceded her in death in 1958. She married her second husband, William A. Ripploh, on Jan. 2, 1961, in St. Marys, and he preceded in death on Jan. 7, 2011.

She is survived by her

Jeri Howard of Wapakoneta, Christine Diedrich of St. Marys, Joanne and Eugene Schoenlein of Wapakoneta, Jane and Clyde Miller, of Minster, Carol Diedrich of Minster, Lois and Robert Dietz of Botkins, Paula and Mike McGown of Minster, Ted and Jennifer Ripploh of Minster; daughter-in-law, Anna Diedrich of Celina; 24 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; sisters, Ruth Finke of St. Marys, Betty Ann and Jim Sampson of St. Marys.

She was also preceded in death by her son, James Diedrich; son-in-law, Michael Howard; one grandchild; brothers and sisters, Lucille Bailey, Bernard Kelley, Bernie Isenberger, Richard Kelley, Frank Kelley.

She was a member of St. Augustine Catholic Church, Minster, Minster FOE Auxiliary 1391, Minster American Legion Auxiliary, and she was an officer of the Lake Loramie Improvement Association. She retired from Goodyear after 30 years of service.

A Mass of Christian burial was held at 10 a.m. Oct. 9, at St. Augustine Catholic Church, with the Rev. Rick Nieberding officiating. Burial took place in St. Augustine Cemetery. Condolences may be made at www.hogenkampf.com.