

Norma B. Recker, 93, of Ottawa, died 5:20 a.m. Friday at Putnam Heritage in Ottawa.

She was born Sept. 13, 1919, in Miller City to Bernard and Elizabeth (Schroeder) Riepenhoff, who preceded her in death. On Feb. 18, 1941, she married Amos B. Recker, who died Nov. 22, 1998.

Surviving are five children: JoAnn Niese of Leipsic, Marlene (Alfred) Pohlman of Delphos, Donald Recker of Ottawa, Donna (Robert) Bellman of Ottawa and Sandra (Sammy) Dewyer of Bowling Green; 15 grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; 38 great-grandchildren; 1 step-great grandchild; 1 great-great grandchild; 1 brother and 6 sisters: Mary Nartker of Ottawa, Ruth Smith of Tiffin, Clara Schroth of Cleveland, Eleanor (Robert) Zwyer of Berkey, Lucille Shields of Bowling Green, Ky., James (Jane) Riepenhoff of Miller City and Rita Mae (Herman) Schmenk of Ottawa; two sister-in-laws: Esther Riepenhoff of Ottawa and Norma Riepenhoff of Miller City.

She was preceded in death by a son-in-law, William Niese; a daughter-in-law, Janice Recker; two brothers: Clarence Riepenhoff and Len Riepenhoff; four brothers-in-law: Arnold Nartker, Burkhart Schroth, Joseph Smith and Ty Shields; and two sisters-in-law: Dorothy Riepenhoff and Eileen Riepenhoff.

Norma was a homemaker and seamstress. She was a member of Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, Ottawa, and its Altar Rosary Society. She enjoyed gardening, crocheting, quilting and playing cards.

A Mass of Christian Burial will begin at 11 a.m. Friday at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, Ottawa, the Rev. Matt Jozefiak officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Visitation will be from 2-8 p.m. Thursday at Love Funeral Home, Ottawa, where a Scripture service will begin at 7:50 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be expressed at: www.lovefuneralhome.com