



Feb. 1, 1924-Nov. 16, 2012

Irene E. Schnipke, 88, of Kalida died 10:25 a.m. Friday at the Meadows of Kalida. She was born Feb. 1, 1924, in Ottoville to Leo and Mary (Smith) Eickholt, who preceded her in death.

On Aug. 2, 1947, she married Leo William Schnipke, who died May 7, 2005.

Survivors include nine children: Judy (Bill) Trenkamp of Kalida, James (Margaret) Schnipke of Ottoville, Linda (Dave) Recker of Glandorf, Marilyn (Dennis) Wenzlick of Ottoville, Michael (Dolly) Schnipke of Kalida, Dave (Donna) Schnipke of Kalida, Dennis (Pat) Schnipke of Kalida, Kenneth Schnipke of Rockford, Ill., and Charlie (Nadine) Schnipke of Kalida; 23 grandchildren; 34 great-grandchildren; and two sisters: Rita Ricker and Martha (Louis) Kaverman of Delphos. She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Lawrence and Jerome Eickholt.

Mrs. Schnipke was a homemaker. She was a member of St. Michael Catholic Church, Kalida, its Altar Rosary Society and Catholic Ladies of Columbia.

Mass of Christian Burial will begin at 10:30 a.m. Monday at St. Michael Catholic Church, the Rev. Mark Hoying officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. Visitation will be from 2-8 p.m. on Sunday at Love-Heitmeyer Funeral Home, Jackson Township (corner of St Rts 224 and 634).

Memorials may be made to St. Michael Catholic Church or to The Meadows of Kalida.

Condolences can be expressed at lovefuneralhome.com.