

Dolores M. Harshman, 89, of Kendallville, IN, formerly of Decatur, IN passed away at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 22, 2011 at Lutheran Life Villages in Kendallville. She was born on October 1, 1922 in Decatur, IN to the late Frank J. and Mary (Geimer) Bentz she was one of their eleven children. She married Dale R. Harshman on August 22, 1942; he passed away in 1996. They purchased a 40 acre farm east of Decatur, after starting out in a tiny apartment. They had a son Dale R. Harshman Jr., who went to be with the Lord early in life.

After Dale Jr.'s passing they adopted and raised 2 daughters and a son; they all survive, Cheryl Black of Kendallville, Roger D. (Marsha) Harshman of Avilla, and Brenda (Jim) Parrish of Decatur; she is also survived by a sister Marcille (Bentz) Coyne of Decatur, 10 grandchildren Christopher J. Heimann, Melinda S. (John) Squier, Caryn (Dave) Thompson, J.R. (Case) Parrish, Lara (Case) Parrish, Amanda Parrish, Amie Parrish, Shannon M. (Richard) Hippenhammer, Shane M. Harshman, Melissa L. (Brandon) DePoy; and 16 great grandchildren.

Aside from her husband and son she was also preceded in death by her brothers and sisters Agnes (Bentz) Buffenbarger, Irene Bentz, Herman Bentz, Al Bentz, Esther (Bentz) Egly, Lee Bentz, Ed Bentz, Estella (Bentz) Tester, and Frances Bentz.

Dolores was a member of St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in Decatur and of the Women of St. Mary's.

After celebrating her 50th wedding anniversary, she retired from General Electric in Decatur to spend time with her grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. on Monday, October 24, 2011 with a reciting of the Holy Rosary at 3:30 p.m. at Haggard-Sefton & Hirschy Funeral Home. A 9:20 a.m. Prayer Service will be held at Haggard-Sefton & Hirschy Funeral Home on Tuesday, October 25, 2011 followed by a 10:00 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church. Officiating will be Father Gabriel Msuya and burial will take place in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery.

**Haggard - Sefton & Hirschy Funeral Home online obit (accessed 10/23/2011)**