



Mary Ellen Kortenber, 88, of Decatur, returned to her heavenly Father on December 1, 2014 at Woodcrest Nursing Center. She was born on November 25, 1926 at the family home on John St. in Decatur, the eldest daughter of Joseph Franklin and Hazel Leora (Tumbleson) Kortenber.

Mary was a member of St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church and graduated from St. Joseph Catholic School. She went on to work for Central Soya, retiring in 1984. She enjoyed league bowling, winning many trophies over the years, sewing, playing cards and cooking. Her

homemade sugar cookies, pies and pecan rolls were much appreciated by her family.

Mary leaves behind a sister, Theresa R. Evans of New Haven, a niece Laura Evans-Steele, nephew Mark (Jenni) Evans, and a great-niece Jessie Ellen Steele, 2 sisters-in-law, Janice Kortenber and Jeannie Kortenber and a brother-in-law, Richard Aliano. She was preceded in death by her parents, brothers Joe, Jim and Tom and 2 sisters, Barbara Aliano and Kathleen Brandyberry.

Mass of Christian Burial will be on Friday, December 5, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church with calling 1 hour prior from 9:00-10:00 a.m. at the Parish Hall. Father David Voors will be officiating. Burial will be in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery.

Memorials are to Masses, St. Joseph Catholic School Tuition Fund or St. Jude's Catholic Church of Ft. Wayne.

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