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EILEEN RICKORD 1922-2006

The mother of Kathleen Scott of Paulding, Eileen M. Rickord, 83, of Decatur, Ind., died Sunday, Feb. 12, at her residence.

She was born March 23, 1922, in Fort Wayne, the daughter of Joseph and Isabell Strebig Smith. On Nov. 30, 1943, she married John H. Rickord, who preceded her in death June 17, 2004. She was a homemaker and a member of St. Marys of the Assumption Catholic Church in Decatur, the Rosary Society, Harvest House, and was president of N.C.C.W.

Other survivors include four sons, Steven, John, and Bernard, all of Decatur, and Edward Rickord of Hawaii; five other daughters, Margaret Pogue, Joan Rumple, Nancy Hamilton, and Rose Burge all of Decatur, and Mary Lou (Donald) Van Camp of Ossian; 23 grandchildren; and 32 great-grandchildren. Also preceding her in death were a son, Daniel; a daughter, Janet K. Smith; two grandchildren; one great-grandchild; a brother; and two sisters.

A prayer service was held Wednesday, Feb. 15 at 10:30 a.m. at the Haggard and Sefton Funeral Home in Decatur, followed by an 11 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial at St. Mary's Church. Burial was in the St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery in Decatur. Preferred memorials are to the church's Improvement Fund of Family Hospice of N.E. Indiana.