

Betty J. Terveer died Thursday, March 10, 2005, 5:10 am at Adams Memorial Hospital after an illness of several months. Born May 31, 1923, at Decatur to Russell and Viola (Bowman) Melchi. She married David F. Terveer June 18, 1949. She was a graduate of Decatur High School where she was a cheerleader. She was a former society editor for the Decatur Daily Democrat for nine years, a volunteer teaching assistant and girls' volleyball coach at Decatur Catholic High School. While the family lived in Fort Wayne, she served on the Fort Wayne C.Y.O. Board girls' athletic coach at St. Henry Catholic School, and was vice president of the Newcomer's Club.

After school consolidation, she worked as Guidance Department Secretary at Bellmont High School for 17 years. She was a member of the St. Mary's, Adams County Historical Society and was past president and honorary member of Psi Iota Xi Sorority. She was a longtime and avid golfer and in 2002 was honored by the Decatur Cross Creels Women's Golf Association Golfer of the Year. She was a great supporter of St. Joseph School and Bellmont High School athletic programs and she enjoyed attending year round sporting events. She was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother and she took great pride in her family and grandchildren.

Survived by husband of 55 years, David Terveer of Decatur; three children, Dr. Michael (Paige) Terveer of Lima, Ohio, Liz Terveer of Fort Wayne and Pat (Ginny) Terveer of Decatur; six grandchildren, Mrs. Sebastian (Adrienne) Ranly, Kelley, Taylor and Carrie Terveer, all of Decatur, and Abbi & Tyler Terveer of Lima, Ohio; several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by brother, William Melchi.

Mass of Christian Burial is 10 am Monday at St. Mary's of the Assumption Catholic Church. Prayer service is 9:20 am Monday at Haggard & Sefton Funeral Home; Father Philip DeVolder officiating. Calling is from Noon to 6 pm Sunday at funeral home, with Rosary service at 4 pm. Burial in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery. Preferred memorials to St. Joseph School Athletic Association.

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