

Thelma I. Van Poppel, 88, of Decatur, IN passed away Sunday, October 1, 2017 at Adams Woodcrest. Thelma was born on April 11, 1929 in Bryan, Ohio to the late Kenneth W. and M. Doris (Strup) Hesrick.

Thelma was a resident of Decatur for 50 years. She was a member of St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church, the Rosary Society and also a member of the Duplicate Fort Wayne Bridge Club. She worked for 10 years at the Fort Wayne State Development Center.

She is survived by her five children, Louis T. (Edna) Van Poppel of Ocala, FL; Phillip J. Van Poppel of North Hollywood, CA; Patrick E. Van Poppel of Decatur; Susan E. Washington of Marietta, GA and Karl M. Van Poppel of Ocala, FL; a sister, Donna Forbes of Stryker, OH; 5 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a sister Betty Hesrick of Bryan, OH.

A 2:00 p.m. Funeral Liturgy will be held on Thursday, October 5, 2017 at Haggard-Sefton & Hirschy Funeral Home with Fr. Bob J. Lengerich officiating. Visitation will be prior to service from 11:30 - 1:30 p.m. at the funeral home with reciting of the Holy Rosary at 1:30 p.m. Burial will be in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery.

Memorials are to St. Vincent DePaul Society.

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