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Mildred M. (Coppess) Foley Tate, 103, of Decatur, died on Thursday, December 31, 2009, at Woodcrest Retirement Community's Nursing Center.

She was born on August 29, 1906, in Adams County to Frank and Minnie (LaBrun) Coppess. She married Hansel O. Foley in 1929; he died Jan. 1, 1952. She then married Hugh O. Tate; he died May 18, 1994.

Mildred was a teacher at Renniger School near Monroe. She and her husband Hansel also owned a grocery store in Preble.

She was the first female truant officer in Adams County Schools and the first female circuit court bailiff in the State of Indiana under the late Judge Myles F. Parrish. She also served as hostess at the Back 40 Restaurant in Decatur for 22 years when Clete Miller was the owner. Survivors include a daughter-in-law, Peggy Foley of South Bend; four grandsons, Doug (Rachel) Foley of Fishers; Kurt (Nancy) Foley of Fishers; Keith (Teresa) Foley of South Bend; and Ian Foley of Indianapolis; and three great-grandchildren, Kendall Foley, Jenna Foley, and Nick Foley, all of Fishers.

She was preceded in death by a son, Dr. Hansel Odell Foley, on Feb. 9, 2003, and by two brothers, Calvin and Albert Coppess.

Calling was on Sunday, January 3, 2010, at Porter Auditorium in Woodcrest, followed by a private funeral service. Pastor John Follett, the Woodcrest chaplain, officiated.

Burial will be today in Decatur Cemetery.