

INDIANAPOLIS Marguriette Irene Schmidt, 100, of Indianapolis died at 6:05 a.m., Monday, Feb. 25, 2008, at Hoosier Village Nursing Home in Indianapolis. She was born Aug. 26, 1907, in Porter County, to Dallas Sarver and Catherine Henry Sarver. Her husband, the Rev. Edgar P. Schmidt, whom she married Oct. 24, 1937, at St. James Lutheran Church in Lafayette, preceded her in death Feb. 6, 1997. Edgar was the pastor for Trinity-St. Paul Church in Westville-Otis, Indiana. As Edgar's ministry called, they moved to California during World War II, where they lived in Riverside, Los Angeles, and San Diego; then to Decatur, Ind., in 1948; to Lincoln, Neb., in 1958; and to Indianapolis in 1989.

Marguriette graduated from high school in Westville in 1927, and graduated from Wesley Memorial Hospital in Chicago, with a degree as a registered nurse in 1931. She had post graduate training in nursing at Cook County Hospital in Chicago, and in Geneva, N.Y.; before working at Doctor's Hospital in New York City. She was a nurse, wife, mother and friend, a storyteller, gardener, cook and seamstress. Dozens, perhaps hundreds, of quilts she made or helped to make were sent to college students and to homeless and displaced people here and abroad. A few quilts remain with her family as a reminder of her artistry and skill. She was a member of Carmel Lutheran Church in Carmel.

Survivors include a son, Dr. Paul Schmidt and his wife Martha of Indianapolis, (Dr. Schmidt is a cardiologist serving the hospital in Linton); a daughter, Dr. Phyllis Schmidt of Indianapolis; two granddaughters, Heidi Schmidt of Indianapolis, and Loriann Clark and husband Scott; a grandson, Dr. C. Max Schmidt and wife Christine of Indianapolis; and seven great-grandchildren; She also was preceded in death by one son, John Elliot Schmidt, on May 9, 1950; her parents; two brothers, Ralph and Earl; and her sister, Mildred.

A celebration service will be 1 p.m. Saturday, in Carmel Lutheran Church, 4850 E. 131st St., in Carmel. Graveside services are 2 p.m. Sunday, in Decatur Cemetery, in Decatur. There is no visitation. Zwick and Jahn Funeral Home, Decatur, assisted with arrangements. Memorial contributions may be made to LCMS World Relief or to the Lutheran Child and Family Services of Indianapolis.