

GLADYCE M. SCHICK

May 14, 1926 - Oct. 3, 2004

Gladyce M. Schick, 78, Kokomo, went to be with the Lord at 2:38 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 3, 2004, in Howard Regional Health System. She was born May 14, 1926, in Napier, Lewis County, Tenn., in her family's ancestral home. She is the daughter of the late Johnny Huey Rone and the late Mary Roxie (Browning) Rone Kraner.

Gladyce spent her girlhood on the homeplace in the hills of Tennessee near the Buffalo River. It was a loving environment where she was surrounded by a large family.

She came to Indiana at the age of 10 to live with her mother. She was blessed with a beloved stepfather, Edwin M. "Liz" Kraner. On June 15, 1946, she married Donald E. "Don" Schick, who survives. The ceremony, performed by Father Fred Schroeder, was held at St. Patrick Catholic Church with Donald Dumoulin and Betty Eads as witnesses.

She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend. She was devoted to her family and nurtured her children and grandchildren.

She was a member of the Altar Rosary Society of St. Patrick Catholic Church, and enjoyed flowers and gardening. She was an avid sports fan and enjoyed watching a good game of basketball and the many sporting events her children and grandchildren participated in over the years. She loved to travel and had many adventures with her best companion, her husband Don.

Her love of ceramics blossomed into a business for several years, and she was proud that she was able to make nativity sets for many of her grandchildren, nieces and nephews. She loved to play bingo, which she did regularly for many years. And she excelled at cards, having taught her children and grandchildren to count by playing cards. She was cherished and loved by all who had the honor of knowing her, and her absence will be deeply felt by all.

She leaves behind her husband, Donald E. "Don" Schick of Kokomo; a brother who she helped to raise, Charles A. Kraner and wife Joan, Peru; a daughter, Candy and husband Richard Jones, Oakford; a son, Randy E. and wife Ellen Schick, Kokomo; a daughter-in-law, Janet Schick, Kokomo, as well as special nephews Wayne and Donna Janner, and William Janner Jr., all of Kokomo; and a half-brother, Ricky Rone of Hohenwald, Tenn. Her grandchildren are Angelia and Peter Markopoulos of Harvest, Ala., Rachel and Keith Heitzman of Madison, Ala., Jason and Dreama Propes of Athens, Ala., Lia and Mark Muir of Prattville, Ala., Laura L., Matthew, and Jacqueline Schick, all of Kokomo, Chandra and Don Stradling of Carmel, Joshua and Dawn Schick of Fishers, Megan, Jessica and Jacob Schick of Kokomo. Her great-grandchildren are Nikolas C. Markopoulos, Rachel Emmanuella "Remi" and Karena C. Heitzman, Meredith, Madison, Miranda, and Mark Muir, Alexander and Adele Stradling, Addison and Preston Schick. Her family also includes two sisters-in-law, Marjorie Janner of Kokomo, and Nancy and Robert Harmon of Peru; three paternal aunts, Mrs. Betty (Bill) Rail of Mt. Pleasant, Tenn., Mrs. Rudell (Tommy) Hickman of Mt. Joy, Tenn., and Mrs. Zilda (Robert) Durham of Summertown, Tenn. She was "Aunt Gladyce" to a multitude of beloved nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Frederick and Donald J. "Joe" Schick; and a great-grandson, Kellar Frederick Heitzman.

A Mass of Christian burial will be 11 a.m. Thursday in St. Patrick Catholic Church, 1229 N. Washington St. Celebrating will be Father Ted Dudzinski. Burial will follow in Memorial Park Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 1 to 3 p.m. and 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday in Eilers Mortuary Webster Street Chapel, 3400 S. Webster St., where a rosary service will begin at 7:30 p.m. Visitation will also be from 10 to 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the mortuary. Mass cards will be available at the mortuary.

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