Jan. 8, 1930-Nov. 8, 2012
Gertrude R. Schmitz, 82, of Ottawa, died Thursday at St. Rita's Medical Center.

She was born Jan. 8, 1930, in Ottoville to Theodore and Bernadine (Hellman) Beining, who preceded her in death.

On May 5, 1951, she married Alvin Schmitz, who died June 1, 1989.

Survivors include a son, Thomas (Gretchen) Schmitz of Glandorf; four daughters, Marilyn (Roger) Ellerbrock of Glandorf, Eileen (Dennis) Vennekotter of Continental, Diane (Douglas) Deitering of Glandorf and Nancy (Gary) Erhart of Kalida; 16 grandchildren, Michelle (Joel) Rampe, Dana Ellerbrock, Jenna Ellerbrock, Rachel (Jeremy Marx) Schmitz, Josh Schmitz, Andrew Schmitz, Evan Barrett, Kyle (Jessica Brown) Vennekotter, Ryan (Cobin) Vennekotter, Cody Vennekotter, Heather Deitering, Ross Deitering, Benjamin Deitering, Emily Erhart, Matt Erhart and Lindsey Erhart; a brother, Ray Beining of Delphos; three sisters, Mary (Herb) Hempfling of Delphos, Alice Arnzen of Delphos and Irene (Joe) Schroeder of Ottawa.

She was also preceded in death by a grandchild, Joseph Schmitz; two sisters, Mildred Beckman and Angela Kimmett; a brother, Rudy Beining.

Mrs. Schmitz was a homemaker. She was a member of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Glandorf, were she was a Eucharistic Minister, religion teacher for over 30 years and a member of the Altar Rosary Society, Catholic Ladies of Columbia, Ladies CHIRP and nurtured the flowers in church; and also a volunteer at The Meadows of Ottawa-Glandorf. She was a companion of the Ministeries of the Precious Blood. She was very active in Right-to-life, loved spending time with her grandchildren and attending their activities. She was a wonderful

caregiver and enjoyed making food for the sick.

Mass of Christian Burial will begin at 10:30 a.m. Monday at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, the Rev. Tony Fortman officiating. Burial will follow in church cemetery.
Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. Saturday and 2-8 p.m. Sunday at Love Funeral Home, Ottawa where there will be a parish rosary at 7:30 p.m.

Memorials may be given to the charity of donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to: www.lovefuneralhome.com .