

Mary Jean Orr, 83, rural Dunkirk, died Oct. 27 at Miller's Merry Manor in Dunkirk.

Born in Redkey on Feb. 13, 1921 to Lloyd and Margaretha (Rathbun) Curry, she was married March 15, 1941 to Karl Edward Orr, who died on Jan. 22, 2001.

She was a 1939 graduate of Redkey High School and a graduate of Muncie Business School. She was a homemaker and assisted her husband in his home-based real estate business.

She was a supporter of the Jay County Arts Council, a former president of the Garden Club, active in the Democratic Party and a member of the Mt. Tabor United Methodist Church in Dunkirk.

She is survived by one son, Dan Orr, Redkey; one daughter, Mrs. Ludwig (Andrea) Mehrer, Oakton, Va.; one half-sister, Eleanor Rathbun, Albany; seven grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; two great-grandchildren and eight step-great-grandchildren.

Services are 2 p.m. Saturday at M.J.S. Mortuaries-D.W. Jones Chapel in Dunkirk. Visitation is Saturday from noon to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Hillcrest Cemetery at a later date.

Memorials can be made to the Alzheimer's Association, Central Indiana Chapter, 9135 N. Meridian St., Suite B-4, Indianapolis, IN, 46269 or to The Nature Conservancy, 4245 North Fairfax Drive, Suite 100, Arlington, Va., 22203-1606.

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