

Ruth Ann Minnich, 61, 1105 East State Road 26, Portland, Ind., died Aug. 7, 2003 at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne, Ind.

She was born Jan. 1, 1942 in Jay County, Ind. to Gilbert and Beatrice Eischen Schmit. Her mother survives in Geneva, Ind. On June 15, 1963 she married Paul Minnich, who survives.

Also surviving are two sons, David Minnich, Shelbyville, Ind. and Randy Minnich, Las Vegas, Nev.; two brothers, Ralph Schmit, of Iowa and Richard Schmit, Geneva; three sisters, Alice Minch, Bryant, Ind.; Martha Bollenbacher, Celina; and Regina Schmit, of California. Several nieces and nephews survive.

She worked at C.T.S. in Berne, Ind. and was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Portland, and the Altar Rosary Society.

A Funeral Mass will be held Monday at 11 A.M. (Ohio time) at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church with the Rev. Marty Sandhage officiating. Burial will follow at Holy Trinity Catholic Cemetery in Bryant. Calling hours are Sunday, 1-6 P.M. at Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, Portland.

Memorials may be made to Jay County Cancer Society, Jay County Community Center or Portland Little League.

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