

PENNVILLE - Martha L. Stafford, 78, 246 W. Main St., died Wednesday at home.

She was born in Jonesboro, the daughter of the late Lawrence and Phoebe (Malott) Colyer. She married Vernon Horner in 1950. He died in 1959. She then married John Stafford on July 16, 1962. He died Nov. 9, 1992. She retired in 1962 from the U.S. Glass Co., Gas City, after nine years of service. She was a member of the Jonesboro Order of Eastern Star and attended Pennville Friends Church.

Surviving are a son, Vernon "Gene" (Margie) Horner, Pennville daughter, Susan (Mike) Needler, Montpelier three brothers, Kenny R. (Martha) Colyer, Custer, S.D., Russell L. (Janet) Colyer, Gas City, and Larry (Joyce) Colyer, Jonesboro two sisters, Phyllis (John) Keeling, Port St. Lucie, Fla., and Anna Rose Rice, Gas City stepdaughter, Linda Stafford, Pennville five grandchildren and one great-grandson.

She also was preceded in death by a son, Garry Horner, on Oct. 22, 1979 and stepdaughter, Kathy S. Tankersley, on Aug. 18, 2003.

Services are at 2 p.m. Sunday in Pennville Chapel of Williamson and Spencer Funeral Home with Pastor Fred Kellogg officiating. Burial is in IOOF (Twin Hills) Cemetery, Pennville. Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to Pennville First Responders. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

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