

## Irene R. Schlater

Irene R. (Hemmelgarn) Schlater, 76, of North Star, died Sunday, April 5, 2009 at her residence.

She was born Jan. 1, 1933, in Burkettsville to the late Alex and Carrie (Huber) Hemmelgarn. On May 21, 1955 she married Louis Schlater, and he survives in North Star.

She is also survived by six children: Sharon (Bill) Langenkamp of North Star, Jane (Gary) Smith of Versailles, Bob (Judy) Schlater of Saint Henry, Nick (Jane) Schlater of North Star, Joe (Lynne) Schlater of Versailles and Cindy (Randy) Giere of Coldwater; as well as 26 grandchildren and five great grandchildren. She also leaves behind brothers, Clete (Florence) Hemmelgarn of Burkettsville and Paul (Donna) Hemmelgarn of Burkettsville, sisters Ruth Westgerdes of Fort Recovery and Mary (Paul) Mestemaker of New Weston and a sister-in-law Odesse Hemmelgarn of Dayton. She is preceded in death by brothers Norman and Cyril Hemmelgarn, sister-in-law Beverly Hemmelgarn and a brother-in-law Andrew Westgerdes.

She was a member of St. Louis Catholic Church in North Star, the St. Ann's rosary altar sodality and a member of the funeral choir and the Ladies Auxiliary of North Star American Legion Post 174. She enjoyed competitive ballroom dancing and was an avid bowler and golfer. She worked on the family farm and baked wedding cakes for 40 years.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Louis Church on Wednesday, April 8, 2009 at 10:30 a.m., with Rev. David Zink officiating. Burial was at St. Louis Cemetery in North Star. Memorials can be made to State of the Heart Hospice 230 W. Main St Coldwater, Ohio 45828. Hogenkamp Funeral Home in St. Henry handled the arrangements.