

Therese Engle

Therese K. Engle, 82, Griffin, Ga., a resident of Kokomo until 1988, died at 1 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 19, 1999, at Methodist Hospital, Indianapolis. Born April 7, 1917, in Line Grove, Ky., she was the daughter of Wilford E. and Beatrice H. (Buckman) Wheatley. On Nov. 21, 1940, she married Leo V. Kurtz, who died Jan. 17, 1951. On June 6, 1959, she married Richard J. Engle, who survives.

She attended St. Joseph's School in Elwood, and graduated from Elwood High School and John Herron Art School in Indianapolis. She worked as an interior decorator for Rieffers in Indianapolis, and Mast Furniture in Greentown. She later operated her own business, Therese Engle Interiors. She was a member of St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church from 1959 until she moved to Georgia in 1988, where she became a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Griffin, Ga.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Paul J. "Jeff" and Joyce M. Kurtz, Griffin, Ga.; two grandsons, Steven M. Kurtz, Griffin, Ga.; David A. Kurtz, Pittsburgh, Pa.; one granddaughter, Tracey M. Kurtz, Griffin, Ga.; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Mary A. and Art Ormsby, Tipton; Margaret M. Englert; several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; first husband, Leo V. Kurtz; a daughter, Mary Kurtz; and a stepson, Richard J. Engle Jr.

A mass of Christian burial will be offered at 3 p.m. Wednesday at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 900 S. Purdum St. with The Rev. Father Brian Doerr, the celebrant. Burial will follow in Sunset Memory Garden Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Fenn & Shirley Mortuary, Colonial Chapel, 1315 W. Lincoln Road, where the Rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to Right to Life of Howard County, 120 S. Buckeye St., Kokomo, 46901.