

RUTH ENGLS ALKIRE

Dec. 16, 1916 - Dec. 30, 2004

Ruth Engles Alkire, 88, 520 Marnie Circle, West Melbourne, Fla., a former Kokomo resident, died Thursday, Dec. 30, 2004, at the Holmes Regional Hospital in Melbourne, Fla. She was born Dec. 16, 1916, in Terre Haute, a daughter of William and Hazel (Searing) Engles. On March 27, 1937, in Rockville, she married Max T. Alkire and he died July 18, 1989.

She was a 1934 Rockville High School graduate. She was a homemaker who raised two children and took pride in their many accomplishments.

She was a loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She was a member of First United Methodist Church of Melbourne and was an active member of Trinity United Methodist Church while living in Kokomo.

Survivors include a son, Robert M. Alkire and his wife, Kay, of Loveland, Ohio; four grandchildren, Joan Poitras and her husband, Rick, of Elkhart; June Oliver and her husband, David, of Kokomo, Greg Alkire, Pam Hankins and her husband, Luke, all of Loveland, Ohio; five great-grandchildren, Derek Fisher, Neil Fisher, Holly Oliver, Cole Hankins and Zachary Hankins. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; one daughter, Joyce Butts; and a brother, William Engles.

A memorial service celebrating Ruth's life will be held 3 p.m. Friday at Fenn & Shirley Mortuary, Colonial Chapel, 1315 W. Lincoln Road, with Pastor Steve Cole officiating. Burial of the cremains will follow at Memorial Park Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 1 p.m. on Friday until service time at the mortuary. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Relay for Life Team #29 with envelopes available at the mortuary.

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