

Ruth A. Bess

July 17, 1928 Nov. 10, 2005

Kokomo resident Ruth A. Bess, 77, died in Waterford Place Health Campus on Thursday morning, Nov. 10, 2005. She was born in Toledo, Ohio, on July 17, 1928, a daughter of Lonnie and Myrtle (Bailey) Overmyer. She married William V. Bess on Nov. 7, 1946, in Indiana and he survives.

Ruth worked as an inspector at Delco for 30 years, retiring in 1987.

She was a member of Trinity Methodist Church, UAW Local 292, and she was a former member of Ladies Auxiliary of the Kokomo Fire Department. She volunteered at church and enjoyed cooking, gardening and participating in family events. She liked to feed birds and she loved her grandchildren. In the last several years she participated in bus tours with other ladies.

She is survived by her husband of 59 years, William V. Bess of Kokomo; her children, James W. Bess and Lisa A. and husband David Lewis, all of Kokomo; her siblings, Dorothy Chancey of Lima, Ohio, Mildred and husband Robert Nutt of Dunkirk, Marilyn Marvin of Kemp, Texas, Brenda and husband Dave Randall, and Dennis Overmyer, all of Lima, Ohio; her grandchildren, James W. Bess Jr. and his significant other, Jessica Kuhn of Lexington, S.C., Stephanie N. and husband Kenny King of Manhattan, Kan., David B. Lewis Jr. of Louisville, Ky., Ashleigh N. Lewis and her fiancé, Caden Cline, and Brooke B. Lewis, all of Kokomo. Ruth was anxiously awaiting the birth of her first great-grandchild in March. She was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, James and Eugene Overmyer.

Funeral services are scheduled for 10 a.m Monday in Sunset Memory Garden Funeral Home, 2097 W. Alto Road, with the Rev. Verl Winslow officiating. Entombment will follow in Sunset Memory Garden Cemetery. Friends may call from 5 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Friends may offer their condolences online at [www.mem.com](http://www.mem.com).

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