

## Thelma Brake

Thelma Idella Brake, 90, Manor Care Health Facility, formerly of 5108 Westmoor Drive, Kokomo, died at 12:20 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 17, 2000, at the facility. Born April 14, 1909, in Kokomo, she was the daughter of George Washington and Katherine Idella (Degler) McCarter. On Oct. 8, 1939, in Kokomo, she married Hubert Loren Brake, who died May 28, 1995.

She attended Columbian, Roosevelt, Central and Kokomo High School and Kokomo Business College. Prior to her marriage, she was employed at the Victory Cleaners as a manager. She was also employed at Kingston Products, Kool Vent Awning, Delzans Heating and Cooling and Delco, from which she retired in 1971.

She was a member of: Riley and Washington School PTA; Kokomo Area Girl Scouts Council as a Brownie and Girl Scout leader; United Auto Workers Local 292; Women of the Moose; Eagles Drill Team; and First Baptist Church, then Main Street Methodist Church. She and her husband were Methodist Youth Fellowship Youth Group sponsors for eight years; guardian of Bethel No. 20 of Job's Daughters. She

was a member of Kokomo and Center Order of the Eastern Star No. 108 for 52 years, where she held many offices as well as Worthy Matron with her husband as

Worthy Patron of the Center Chapter; past president of OES District No. 15. She was also active in the order of White Shrine of Jerusalem No. 13 and as a Worthy High Priestess with her husband as Worthy High Priest. She traveled extensively with her husband in the Airstream Group and were members and past president, recording secretary and past editor of Whoseyer Charmer of the Airstream Wally Byrum Central Indiana Unit and usherette at the international rallies. They were members of Lake Manitou Owners Association. She was a member of Area Five Senior Citizens Council and was Senior Citizens Queen for Howard County in the 1970s. She and her husband spent their winters in Estero, Fla., enjoying fishing, crafts, square dancing, socializing with other retirees and playing in the TaHatti Mobile Village Trubadors Harmonica Band and was president of the craft club



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and the residence club there. Thelma also loved art and poetry and her family dearly.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Melveta and Thomas Shutt and Leveta and William Spiece, all of Kokomo; a stepdaughter, Ethel Mae Humbles, Nebraska; six grandchildren who were greatly loved and adored, Matthew Brake, Tammy Brake, Jorinda (King-Shutt) and Patrick Tovey; Kenneth and Carol Shutt, Lorinda (Shutt) and Paul Lhotka and Mark Vickers; 10 stepgrandchildren, Michael Shutt, Wanda, Matt and Gary Colbert, Linda Gordon, Cindy Holmes, Debbie Chilen, Julie Raskeilly, Sue Dwiggins and Robert Brake; four great-grandchildren, Loren Brake, Sarah Shutt, and twins Molly and Amanda Tovey; four stepgreat-grandchildren, Nathan Shutt, Tish Tovey, Adam Tingley and Shawn Tovey; several stepgreat-great-grandchildren; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Irene and Harold Greeson, Mary Gollner, and Georgie and Russell Schmitt; two brothers and sisters-in-law, George and Wanda McCarter Jr. and Clyde and Mildred Brake; many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; stepdaughter, Betty Colbert; stepson, Robert Brake; four sisters, Marie Buechner, Loretta Boyd, Pearl Smith and Irma Jean McCarter; two brothers, Murrel (Bud) and William McCarter and a stepgranddaughter, Lori Clem.

Services are 2 p.m. Sunday at Sunset Memory Garden Funeral Home, 2097 W. Alto Road. Private family entombment will be held at Sunset Memory Garden Mausoleum. Friends may call from 4 to 7 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to Main Street Methodist Church, Kokomo Rescue Mission, the American Cancer Society or the Alzheimer's Association.