

E. Esther Pyke

M. Esther Pyke, 81, 708 S. Calumet st., died at 1 p.m. Saturday in St. Joseph Memorial Hospital, following an illness of eight weeks.

Born Feb. 17, 1894, in Howard County, she was the daughter of William and Rebecca (Fair) Sellers. On March 12, 1912, she married Harry Pyke, who preceded her in death in 1968. ———— 46-3-1975

She was a member of the Sharpville United Methodist Church and had lived in the Russellville and Sharpville areas.

Surviving are four daughters, Mrs. Ralph (Wanda) Oliver of Indianapolis, Mrs. Robert (Helen) Staats of Shelbyville, Mrs. Herbert (Betty) Dewitt of Muncie and Mrs. Charles (Bernice) Allen of Madison; four sons, William and Rex Pyke of Kokomo, Paul Pyke of Pensacola, Fla. and Russell Pyke of Noblesville; two sisters, Mrs. Everett (Lena) Spradling of Tip-top and Miss Blanche Sellers of Kokomo; one brother, Lloyd Sellers of Kokomo; 24 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. Two daughters and two brothers preceded her in death.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Ellers Mortuary, with the Rev. Vern Stuber and the Rev. Everett Robertson officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Memory Gardens Cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home from 2 to 4 and 6 to 9 p.m. Monday.