JANICE MEISTER

Sept. 12, 1922 - Sept. 8, 2005

Janice Meister, 82, Kokomo, died 5:50 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 8, 2005, at the home of her daughter and son-in-law in Kokomo. She was born Sept. 12, 1922, in Royal Center, the daughter of John and Vervia (Haselby) Hiatt. On Sept. 10, 1949, in Delphi, she married Cleon "Cookie" Meister, who preceded her in death April 9, 1981.

She was a 1940 graduate of Royal Center High School and a 1943 graduate of St. Elizabeth Hospital School of Nursing, Lafayette. She worked as an RN in private duty at nursing homes, hospitals in Logansport, Veterans Hospital in Indianapolis and locally at Howard Regional Health System. She retired in 1985 from St. Joseph Hospital as orthopedic head nurse after 17 years of service. She was a former member of the Indiana State Nurses Association and the Burlington American Legion Auxiliary.

Surviving are a daughter, Linda Meister-Crowder and husband, Carl E. Crowder; stepdaughters, Sarilyn Johnson, Peru, and Rose Clark, Kokomo; one stepson, John Meister, Texas; stepgrandchildren, Daniel Crowder, Greenwood, Kolleen Crowder London, Schaumburg, Ill., Kim Morrow, Peru, Roberta D. Martin, Kokomo, John Meister Jr., Galveston, Chris Meister, California, and Kim Meister and Gayle Ann Meister Growell, Texas; nine stepgreat-grandchildren; one stepgreat-grandchild; a sister, O'Ressa Conn, Royal Center; sister-in-law, Laurabelle "Bubb" Hiatt, Logansport; several nieces and nephews; a cousin, Ike Haselby, Winamac; and many great neighbors and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Michael Ray; a brother, Jim Hiatt and stepgrandson, Douglas Kent Johnson.

Memorial services will be at 6 p.m. Monday with the family receiving friends from 3 p.m. until time of service at Ellers Mortuary Webster Street Chapel, 3400 S. Webster St. Pastor Jerry Ausbrook will be the officiant with the Rev. Lu Ann Young assisting. Internment of the cremains will be at a later date at the Galveston Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made in lieu of flowers to the St. Joseph Memorial Hospital Foundation. Envelopes are available at the mortuary.

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