



Barbara J. McCloskey

January 12, 1919 - April 11, 2011

92, passed away April 11, 2011. She was born on January 12, 1919, in Indianapolis, to the late Cora (Dietz) and Henry L. Schleiter. Barbara graduated from Arsenal Technical High School in 1936. In 1938, she married Rowland Palmer McCloskey, who preceded her in death. They were married for 50 years and had one daughter, Cynthia. Barbara worked as a bookkeeper, lab technician, and office manager and retired with her husband from their business, Finishing Systems Corporation, in 1974. Barbara was a life-long member of Gethsemane Lutheran Church where she served as a Sunday School Teacher, Council Member, member of the Women's Missionary Society and Ladies Aid Society and the Gethsemane Retirees. She enjoyed meeting all the new members of the church and welcoming all the regular members each Sunday during coffee hour. Barbara was a member of the Lutheran Child and Family Services Guild, Community Hospital Guild, and the ISO Women's Auxiliary, East Group. She served as an officer in the PTAs at both IPS School #58 and Thomas Carr Howe High School. Barbara enjoyed traveling and spending time with her grandchildren. She was an avid letter-writer, card player, and pie baker and a devoted neighbor and friend. Barbara never met a stranger and found good in every person. Also preceding Barbara in death were her grandson, Gary Stephen Deeter; brother, John Schleiter; cousins, Richard Dietz and John Jack Dietz; and her beloved aunt, Bernice Dietz. Survivors include her daughter and son-in-law, Cynthia and Gary Deeter; granddaughters, Linda Chase, Susan Evans, Elizabeth

Smith (Bret), and Jennifer Deeter; nine great-grandchildren; and her sister, Frances Whalin. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews and cherished friends. Visitation will be Wednesday, today, April 13, 2011 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Shirley Brothers Irving Hill Chapel, 5377 E. Washington St. and Thursday from 12:00 noon until the time of services at Gethsemane Lutheran Church, 6810 E. 10th St., Indianapolis, 46219. Memorial contributions may be made to Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Barbara's memory.