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SANDRA SUE "SANDY" BUTCHER, 71, of Decatur, passed away on Saturday, Sept. 17, 2011, 5:30 a.m. , at her residence. Born July 7, 1940, in Adams County, she was a daughter of the late Anthony and J. Edna (Miller) Gase. She married Robert Eugene Butcher on Oct. 27, 1956; he survives in Decatur. She is also survived by two sons, Eugene "Gene" (Debra) Butcher and Verlin "Butch" (Anne) Butcher, both of Decatur; three daughters, Karen (Henry Lowan) Butcher of San Francisco, Calif., Nancy (Tobin) Ray and Melissa (Chris) Brite, both of Decatur; four brothers, Patrick Gase of Decatur, Maurice "Mo" Gase of New Mexico, Vincent "Vinnie" Gase of California, and Robert "Bob" Gase of Decatur; three sisters, Barbara Meyer of Fort Wayne, Marjorie Sardella of Decatur and Marilyn Spieth of California; 14 grandchildren; four stepgrandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and nine step great-grandchildren. She was also preceded in death by a brother; and two sisters. She was a member of St. Mark's United Methodist Church where she was a children's Sunday school teacher for many years. She worked as a clerk for Habegger Schafer Co. and True Value (formerly Coast to Coast). She was a part of the Adams County Schricker Club members' wives who hosted the coffee hour for Ethel Kennedy in 1968. Funeral service is 10 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2011, at St. Mark's United Methodist Church, with calling one hour prior to the service. The Reverend Michael Heinbaugh officiating. Calling also from 2 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 20, 2011, at Haggard-Sefton & Hirschy Funeral Home, Decatur. Burial in Decatur Cemetery. Memorials may be made to St. Mark's United Methodist Church or Family Life Care Hospice. To sign our guestbook, visit [www.haggardandsefton.com](http://www.haggardandsefton.com)