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Mildred M. Manley, 81, Decatur, died at 3:35 a.m. Tuesday in Woodcrest Nursing Center.

She was born on November 14, 1921, in Adams County to Frank and Alla Meyers Knittle and married Richard O. "Sonny" Manley on February 14, 1953; he died on December 20, 2000.

She worked at the former General Electric Co., plant and the former Alma Plastics plant, both in Decatur, and was a member of the auxiliary unit at American Legion Post 43 in Decatur.

Surviving are four daughters, Patricia M. Bleeke and Mrs. Jesse (Cindy S.) Mendez, both of Decatur; Mrs. Roger (Peggy J.) Geimer of Akeley, Minnesota, and Mrs. David (Kathy L.) Brown of Monroe; four sons, Buddie D. Smith of Oklahoma, Michael O. Manley of Van Wert, Ohio; Timothy V. Manley of Decatur; and Marvin L. Manley of Leo-Cedarville; three sisters, Mrs. Noble (Ruth) Nicodemus of Decatur, Mrs. Lester (Myrtle) Bricker of Portland, and Betty J. Fisher of Fort Wayne; 28 grandchildren; and 24 great-grandchildren.

A son and a grandson are deceased.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday in Haggard and Sefton Funeral Home, Decatur, with burial in Decatur Cemetery.

Visiting hours are until 8 p.m. today.

Preferred memorials are to the wound care unit at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne or to the Adams County Diabetes Connection.