



Gretchen D. South

May 14, 1929 - May 28, 2016

Gretchen D. South, 87, of Defiance, formerly of Cridersville, OH, died 10:52 a.m., Sat. May 28, 2016, at Defiance Regional Medical Center. She was born May 14, 1929, in Auglaize Co., OH, the daughter of Guy & Gertrude (Womack) Pontius who preceded her in death. She was raised by her grandparents, Albert & Lucy Pontius. On Jan. 5, 1948, she married James E. South, and he died March 16, 2014.

Survivors include,

2 daughters, Susan (Duane) Brannon, Defiance,

Jill Holley, Archbold, OH,

grandchildren, Katrina Mansfield,

Monica Ankney,

Isaac Holley,

Beth Holley,

great grandchildren, Morghin Ankney, K.C. Hatton, & Tahylor Casarez,

½ brother, James (Dottie) Gause, Columbia City, IN,

a sister, Beverly Ahlersmeyer, Ft. Wayne, IN,

sisters-in-law, June Gause, Mulberry, TN,

Lois Gause, Ft. Wayne, IN.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Sharon, 2 ½ brothers, Eugene & Homer Gause, and a sister, Sharon Kienzler

Gretchen worked as a secretary at the Pillsbury Corp., Lima, and several other businesses. She also worked at Tiny Tech Day Care. She was a

member of the Church of the Nazarene, Cridersville.

Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m., Thurs. June 2, 2016, at the Schaffer Funeral Home, Defiance. Burial is to follow in the Riverview Memory Gardens, Defiance. The family will receive friends 12 p.m., until time of the service, Thurs. at the funeral home.