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## **Donna Ackerman-Thiele**

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KENDALLVILLE — Donna Ackerman-Thiele, age 87, of Kendallville, passed away on Wednesday, May 25, 2016, at Lutheran Life Villages in Kendallville. Donna was born on Dec. 29, 1928, in Kendallville, Indiana, to the late Claude Stout and Mary (Vanderbosch) Stout. She graduated from Kendallville High School. On June 2, 1944, she married Harold Ackerman in Kendallville. Together they had five sons, Dennis, Donald, Randy, Rex and Michael. Donna worked as a school bus driver for DeKalb Central and retired in 1987. On Jan. 6, 1990, she married Richard Thiele. She belonged to the Ladies Auxiliary of the VFW in Kendallville and Garrett. She was also a Gold Star Mother. Donna enjoyed spending many winters at her home in Florida. Survivors include four sons, Dennis and Helen Ackerman of Auburn, Donald and Deborah of Michigan, Randy and Joan Ackerman of Kendallville and Michael and Becky Ackerman of Commerce City, Colorado; a stepdaughter, Joan Thibodeau of St. Charles, Michigan; eight grandchildren, Aaron Ackerman of Kendallville, Stanley Ackerman of Tennessee, Troy Ackerman of Auburn, Matt Ackerman of Everett, Washington, Joel Ackerman of South

Whitley, Derrick Ackerman of Fort Wayne, Christopher Ackerman of Commerce City, Colorado and Nikki Olson of Auburn; eight great-grandchildren; nine stepgreat-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; a sister, Lorraine and Larry Sowers of Kendallville; and many nieces and nephews. Donna was preceded in death by her first husband in 1987; her second husband in 1995; a son, Rex Ackerman; a stepson, Richie Thiele; a sister, Betty Grate; and companion of seven years, Meelin Wappus. Visitation will be held Tuesday, May 31, 2016, from 3-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville. Funeral service will be held on Wednesday, June 1, 2016, at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home. Burial will take place at Lakeview Cemetery in Kendallville. Officiating the funeral services will be Pastor Bob Shriner. Memorial contributions may be directed to St. John Lutheran Church of Kendallville. Send a condolence to the family at [www.hitefuneralhome.com](http://www.hitefuneralhome.com).

# Memories of Donna

