

## Elsie M. Kats

May 28, 1934 – April 28, 2019



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She married Richard F. Harding in 1951. They later divorced. He preceded her in death on Sept. 6, 2012.

She retired from Lau Industries of Rochester after 34 years. Elsie moved to Indiana from Kentucky in the 1940s. She was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary, VFW Auxiliary and the Eagles Lodge, all of Rochester.

Survivors include her daughters, Lesa and husband Steve Petrosky, Akron, and Cindy and husband David Harlow, Rochester; her sons, Richard L. and wife Joyce Harding, Mentone, and Charles W. Harding, Rochester; 13 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; her sister, Kate Ranstead, San Diego, Calif.; and her brother, Bob and wife Monica Howard, Perrysburg.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and her brother, Sam Howard.

A graveside service is 11 a.m. Thursday, May 9, 2019, at Sycamore Cemetery, Mentone, with Pastor Todd Wilson officiating. Arrangements are entrusted to Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron.

Memorial contributions may be made in her memory to Kindred Hospice, 1476 W. 18th St., Rochester, IN 46975. Family and friends may share a memory or send an online condolence at [www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com](http://www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com).

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Memorials to the Free Methodist Church.

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