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She married Andrew "Andy" Ashbacher on Nov. 7, 1945, at St. Philip Neri Catholic Church at Franklin. He preceded her in death June 20, 2003.

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Survivors include eight daughters, Mary Jo Lipasek and Regina Davidson, both of Franklin, Agnes Goodman of Frontenac, Theresa Shipman of Joplin, Mo., Patricia Page of Arma, Emma Lewis of Poteau, Okla., Margaret Shilts of Scammon, and Sharon Dietz of Weir; five sons, Andy Ashbacher and Steve Ashbacher, both of Frontenac, John Ashbacher of Scammon, and Henry and Mike Ashbacher, both of Franklin; one sister, Agnes Stepanich of Woodriver, Ill.; 34 grandchildren; and 29 great-grandchildren.

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Mass of Christian burial will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at St. Joseph Catholic Church at Arma with Fr. Donald Thissen and Fr. Robert McElwee as concelebrants. Burial will be at the Garden of Memories Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 7 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Bedene Funeral Home in Arma. The rosary will be said at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. The family will be at the home of Mary Jo Lipasek, 667 E. 630th Ave., near Arma. Arrangements are under the director of the Bedene Funeral Home.

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