

Tuesday, August 10, 2004

Mary Ellen Hirschy, 80, of rural Bluffton, died at 9:30 p.m. Sunday at home.

She was born on July 8, 1924, in Wells County to John Z. and Hazel L. Rogers Confer.

She married Melvin M. Hirschy on December 24, 1941; he survives.

She was a homemaker and a member of Cross United Church of Christ at Berne.

Other survivors are four sons, Edward L. Hirschy, Decatur; Gary L. and Randy W. Hirschy, both of Monroe; and Dean A. Hirschy, Craigville; five daughters, Mrs. Lynn (Linda L.) Lehman, Mrs. David (Bonnie J.) Dolch, and Mrs. Kevin (Lori A.) Foster, all of Monroe; Mrs. Steve (Judy E.) Affolder, Berne; and Mrs. Gary (Kathleen J.) Affolder, Ossian; a brother, Daniel E. Confer of Yoder; two sisters, Dorothy M. Wicks and Betty M. Kling, both of Yoder; 31 grandchildren; and 29 great-grandchildren.

Two brothers and a grandson are deceased.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday in Cross United Church of Christ, with burial in Ray Cemetery, rural Monroe.

Visiting hours are 2-8 p.m. Wednesday in Haggard and Sefton Funeral Home and one hour prior to services at the church.

Preferred memorials are to the tape ministry at Cross United Church of Christ or to Heartland Hospice in Fort Wayne.

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