



Velma S. Zelt, 98 of Ft. Wayne, IN, formerly of rural Decatur, IN, passed away on Wednesday, May 22, 2013 at Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home. She was born on August 22, 1914 in New Haven, IN to the late John D. and Julia L. (Bradtmiller) Hemsoth. On May 22, 1937 she married Alfred H. Zelt; he tragically died on November 17, 1952.

Velma was a faithful member of St. John Lutheran Church-Bingen. She was a homemaker and also worked for Lutheran Home, where she retired after 25 years of service.

She is survived by 4 sons, Lester (Janice) Zelt of Hoagland, Roger (Carolyn) Zelt of New Haven, Jim (Dora) Zelt of Decatur, and Stan Zelt of Ft. Wayne; 3 daughters Helen (Don) Selking of New Haven, Shirley (Ron) Johnson of Gray, TN, and Janet (Dave) Farabaugh of Sterling, MA; 2 sisters Leona Branning of Arcola and Margaret (Ed) Fick of Ft. Wayne; 18 grandchildren, 43 great grandchildren, and 3 great-great grandchildren.

Velma was preceded in death by 2 grandsons, 2 great grandsons, 2 sisters Esther Koeneman and Doretta Schlegel, and a brother William Hemsoth.

Visitation will be from 12:00 – 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 25, 2013 at St. John Lutheran Church-Bingen Parish Hall.

Funeral Service will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 26, 2013 at St. John Lutheran Church-Bingen with calling 1 hour prior from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Officiating will be Pastor Peter Brock and burial will take place in St. John Lutheran Church Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to St. John Lutheran Church-Bingen, Worship for Shut-Ins, or Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home.

Arrangements by Haggard-Sefton & Hirschy Funeral Home, Decatur, IN.

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