

Elizabeth Coblentz, 66, a resident of rural Geneva, passed away unexpectedly Tuesday evening, September 17, 2002, in Independence, Missouri. She was born July 18, 1936, in Adams County to Amos Graber and Leah Schwartz; both deceased. She married Ben Coblentz on October 17, 1957, in Adams County; he passed away in 2000.

She was a member of the Old Order Amish. She was the author of a newspaper column titled "Amish Cook" which appeared in newspapers throughout the U.S. and published a cookbook, "The Best of the Amish Cook, Vol. 1," known throughout the Midwest. A new revised Amish cookbook was just released and will be distributed in the U.S. and foreign countries in many different languages. Since she was 15 years old, she wrote a weekly column in an Amish newspaper, "The Budget," in Sugarcreek, Ohio.

Surviving are her children: Mrs. Paul (Leah) Shetler, Geneva, Amos B. Coblentz, Berne, Albert B. Coblentz, Geneva, Verena B. Coblentz, Geneva, Mrs. Levi J. (Elizabeth) Wengard, Geneva, Mrs. Joe C. (Lovina) Eicher, Geneva, Mrs. Jake (Emma) Schwartz, Geneva, and Susan Coblentz, Geneva; her siblings: Chris A. Graber, Bryant, Mrs. Emmanuel S. (Leah) Girod, Berne, Mrs. Tobe M. (Lovina) Swartzentruber, LaGrange, Mrs. Elmer D. (Emma) Schwartz, Berne, Mrs. Elmer K. (Salome) Hilty, Geneva, Mrs. Henry H. (Barbara) Schwartz, Geneva; and 35 grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Ben, a sister Lydia Eicher and a granddaughter.

Calling hours are Saturday from noon to 8 pm and Sunday from 9 am to 8 pm at her home. Funeral services will be Monday at 9:00 am at her residence. Burial in Bunker Hill Cemetery.

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