

Ruby Mae (Rhodes) Bearss
(October 6, 1935 - February 19, 2008)

Ruby Mae (Rhodes) Bearss, 72 years old of Berne, Indiana, passed away on Tuesday, February 19, 2008 in the Bluffton Regional Hospital.

She was born on Sunday, October 6, 1935 in Elkhart, Indiana the daughter of the late Herbert Rhodes and the late Mary (Milam) Rhodes. She married Gresham "Bud" Bearss on August 17, 1958 and he survives.

Ruby graduated from Elkhart High School in 1953 and Manchester College in 1958 with a teaching degree. She was a counselor at the Hope Center in Fort Wayne, Indiana. She was a member of the First Missionary Church in Berne, Indiana and was a volunteer at Swiss Heritage Village. She was a Sunday school helper and co-leader of the Crusaders Sunday school class at the church. Ruby enjoyed painting, knitting and reading.

Surviving are her husband, Gresham "Bud" Bearss of Berne, Indiana, daughter, Laura Gene (Jim) Umpleby of Elkhart, Indiana, daughter, Kristi Diane Bearss of Spring Hill, Tennessee, daughter, Barbara Elaine Bearss of Chicago, Illinois, brother, Don Rhodes of Grass Valley, California, brother, David Rhodes of Mishawaka, Indiana, sister, Mildred Steely of South Bend, Indiana, sister, Etta Obringer of Goshen, Indiana, and grandchildren, Timothy, Tyler, Kyrsten, & Karis Umpleby and Malachi Reid.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m. Friday, February 22, 2008 in the First Missionary Church, Berne, Indiana with Rev. Kris McPherson officiating. Interment will follow in the M.R.E. Cemetery, Berne, Indiana.

Friends will be received from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Thursday, February 21, 2008 and 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Friday, February 22, 2008 in the First Missionary Church, Berne, Indiana.

Preferred memorials are to A. Hope Center / Berne Hope Clinic.

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