

Coyla (Crow) Gerig, 83, of Berne, Indiana passed away at 2:25 p.m. Saturday, August 15, 2009 in the Swiss Village Retirement Community in Berne, Indiana.

Coyla was born on January 15, 1926 in Flint, Michigan the daughter of Byron and Meta Crow. She was a graduate of Flint High School and following graduation, she attended Fort Wayne Bible College where she studied music for two years.

Coyla became a member of a ladies quartet called "Wise Crow" made up of two sisters with the last name of Wise and two sisters with the last name of Crow. The quartet worked for over three years for Dr. Quinten J. Everest and sang on his radio program called "Your Worship Hour." During the week, Coyla worked in his offices at the church he pastored and sang weekends in many churches in the area.

Later, Coyla became the secretary to the President of Mutual Security Life Insurance Company. It was during that time she became acquainted with Gerald Gerig and they married on August 3, 1951. She was the receptionist to Dr. Mark Harmeling, a prominent orthopedic surgeon in California. While living in Berne, she was secretary to the President of EP Graphics, Mr. Carl Muselman, and later did typing for House of White Birches. She was an outstanding wife and devoted mother.

Coyla is survived by her husband, Gerald Gerig; three children, Kurt (Jo) Gerig of Berne, Indiana; Marcia (Ray) VanGelder of Indianapolis, Indiana; and LuAnn (Dan) Fulton of Huntington, Indiana. Other survivors include seven grandchildren.

Coyla was preceded in death by her parents, two sisters, and two brothers.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, August 23, 2009 in the Swiss Village Chapel with the Rev. Max Haines officiating. Interment will be in the M.R.E. Cemetery of rural Berne.

Friends and family will be received from 3:00 – 8:00 p.m. Saturday, August 22, 2009 in the Swiss Village Chapel and one hour prior to the funeral service at Swiss Village on Sunday.

Memorials are to the Endowment Fund of Swiss Village.

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