

**Bluffton News-Banner, Wells Co, IN; Saturday, Dec. 24, 2005**

Marlene D. "Bernie" Keys, 74, of Geneva died at 7:20 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 22, 2005, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Keys had worked at Franklin Electric Co. Inc. in Bluffton, and she formerly attended Decatur Church of Christ. A former Monroe resident, she had lived in Geneva for the past 41 years.

Born Sept. 9, 1931, in Missouri, to Byron and Bertha (Hill) Palmer, her marriage on Nov. 9, 1944, in Missouri was to Farley M. Keys, who preceded her in death in February 2004.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Charles (Janet) Myers of Bryant; two sisters, Ina Palmer Ortt of Greensburg, Ky., and Eva Palmer Strain of La Mosira, Calif.; 11 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a son, Russell Keys; two daughters, Sharon Wittman and Gloria Jean Keys; and a brother, Leroy "Bud" Palmer.

Calling is from 2 to 8 p.m. Monday at Downing & Glancy Funeral Home, Geneva. Services are at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the funeral home with Pastor Terry Bye officiating. Burial will be in M.R.E. Cemetery, Berne.

**Contributed by Jim Cox**

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**Commercial Review, The (Portland, IN) - Tuesday, December 27, 2005**

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Born Sept. 9, 1931, in Missouri, to Byron and Bertha (Hill) Palmer, she married Farley M. Keys on Nov. 9, 1944, in Missouri. He died in February of 2004.

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Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Charles (Janet) Myers, Bryant; two sisters, Ina Palmer Ortt, Greensburg, Ky., and Eva Palmer Strain, La Mosira, Calif.; 11 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Visitation is Monday from 2 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

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