

GLORIA ELAINE (KOENEMAN) MUSELMAN, 76, of Berne, died Thursday evening, Aug. 30, 2007, in a tragic automobile accident near her home. She was born on March 11, 1931, to Arthur and Bertha (Heine) Koeneman, of Decatur; both deceased. She married Arthur K. Muselman on Oct. 21, 1961. They were charter members of Peace Lutheran Church, where each held numerous offices and positions of leadership. She initiated and led the volunteer program, visiting and helping to feed the residents. Gloria received the 1998 Distinguished Friend Award. In 1978, she received the "Angel of Mercy" award for unselfish service to the Berne community. For over a decade, she served as leader of the Wabash Cloverleaf 4-H Club, mentoring many young women. She was a founding director of the Swiss Heritage Society, and an active member of the Berne Mother's Club, and South Adams Music Boosters. In the late 1950's, she was district president of Indiana Rural Youth, and vice president of the American Farm Bureau Young People. After retiring from EP Graphics, Art and Gloria enjoyed spending the winter months in Greenlefe, Fla. They were associate members of Grace Lutheran Church in Winter Haven, Fla. Beyond all accomplishments and service, their greatest joys were being devoted parents and grandparents. They are survived by their son, Roger (Naomi) Muselman and grandchildren, Sarah Elaine, Mark Arthur and David James, all of Berne; and daughter, Karen (Rev. David) Thomas and grandchildren, Luke Christian, John Paul and Mary Esther Elaine, all of Lexington, Ky.; Art's sister, Ruth (Clinton) Steury of Fort Wayne; sister-in-law, Marilyn Muselman of Berne; Gloria's brother, Roger (Fay) Koeneman of Decatur; and nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews. They were also preceded in death by Art's brother, Carl H. Muselman; two sisters, Carolyn Russett, and Pauline Muselman. Funeral service is 3 p.m. Monday at First Mennonite Church in Berne, with visitation from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday at the church. Dr. Jay Kesler officiating. Calling also from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday at Yager-Kirchhofer Funeral Home in Berne. Burial in MRE Cemetery, Berne. Preferred memorials to Swiss Village Retirement Community and Taylor University.

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