

Ruth Neuenschwander, 84, of Berne died at 7 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 18, 2007 at the Swiss Village Retirement Home in Berne, where she had resided since 2001.

She was a public school teacher in Adams County for 31 years, retiring in 1987 from South Adams Schools. She was a member of the First Mennonite Church, where she was a long term Sunday School teacher and served on a number of committees. She was a member of Women in Mission and served as president of that organization for two years. She was a founding member of the Swiss Heritage Society, and twice served a president of that organization. She organized the Wabash Cloverleaf 4-H club and was it's leader for 25 years. She was also a trustee of the Adams County Historical Museum in Decatur. She was also a former precinct committee person in Wabash Township and served on the township's advisory board.

She was born in Wells County on Feb. 26, 1922, a daughter of Charles and Marguerite (Hinchman) Grandlienard. She was married on March 6, 1947 to Sherman Neuenschwander, who preceded her in death in 1994.

She is survived by five children, Marjean (Robert) Beck of Findlay, Ohio, Robert (Rosalyn) Neuenschwander of Decatur, Dr. Ned (Jane) Neuenschwander of St. Clairsville, Ohio, Linda Vibril of Lecanto, Fla., and Stan (Judy) Neuenschwander of Marion, along with 11 grandchildren, three step-grandchildren, and eight step great-grandchildren. She is also survived by three brothers, Fred (Letitia) Grandlienard of Bluffton, Kenneth (Mary Jean) Grandlienard of Celina, Ohio, and Joe Grandlienard of Phoenix, Ariz. She was preceded in death by a brother Brooks Grandlienard in 2006.

Calling will be from 1 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday at Swiss Village. Services are set for 10:30 a.m. on Thursday at the First Mennonite Church with Rev. Craig Maven and Rev. Anita Redigar officiating. Burial will be in the MRE Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the First Mennonite Church or to Swiss Village.

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