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Velma M. Smith

Belleair Bluffs, Fla. - 1907-2001

Velma M. Smith, 94, of Belleair Bluffs, Fla., a native of Berne, Ind., died Saturday, Aug. 4, 2001, in Largo. She was former co-owner of Grant's Fireside Furniture in Fort Wayne from 1964 to 1976. She was a member of the Church of the Isles in Indian Rocks Beach, a former choir member and was formerly of Fort Wayne. Surviving are her daughters, Carolyn Schwartz of New Haven, Ind., Nancy Hansing of Hampstead, N.C., and Bette Burke of Belleair Beach; a sister, Faye Clauser of Berne, Ind.; and 11 grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Grant, and a son, Richard G. Graveside services are 10 a.m. Friday at MRE Cemetery, Berne, Ind. Calling is from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Yager-Kirchhofer Funeral Home, Berne, Ind. Memorials are to the Adams County Community Foundation or to fighting heart disease.

Information provided by Yager-Kirchhofer Funeral Home, Berne, Ind., 1-219-589-3101.

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