

Julia W. Farris Banta, 89, of Geneva, IN, passed away at 4:10 PM, on Sunday, July 31, 2011 at Adams Memorial Hospital in Decatur, IN. She was born on Friday, February 10, 1922, in Portland, IN. She was the daughter of the late LeFinley Hiles Farris and the late Shirley Maud (Teagle) Farris.

Mrs. Banta was a graduate of Portland High School. She was a beautician for 40 years and had worked at Judy's Beauty Shop in Geneva, IN. She was a member of the Canasta Club, the Women's Golf League and she was a member of the United Methodist Women. She had also enjoyed knitting. She attended First United Methodist Church-Geneva, IN.

She married Robert "Malcolm" Banta on February 27, 1948 in Geneva, Indiana, and he predeceased her having passed away on September 8, 1987.

Survivors include: Sons-Malcolm J. (wife, Betty Jo) Banta of Rotonda West, Fla. and G. Mark Banta of Geneva, Ind.; Sister-Connie (husband, Jay) Oberlander of North Port, Fla.; grandchildren-Dawn Michelle Knezic of Bridgman, Mich. and Travis Malcolm Banta of Naples, Fla. and a Great-Grandchild-Addison Nicole Banta of Naples, Fla. She was preceded in death by: Husband-Robert 'Malcolm' Banta; Parents-LeFinley Hiles Farris and Shirley Maud (Teagle) Farris; Brothers-Rolland Farris and Lawrence Farris and a Sister-Susie Hurst.

Arrangements are being handled by Downing & Glancy Funeral Home, 100 N. Washington Street, Adams County, Geneva, Ind., where family and friends may gather to share and remember From 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM Thursday, August 4, 2011 and from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM Thursday, August 4, 2011. A Service to celebrate Julia's life will be at Downing & Glancy Funeral Home at 2:00 PM Friday, August 5, 2011 with Pastor Barry McCun officiating. Interment will be at Westlawn Cemetery in Adams County, Geneva, Ind. Memorials to: Geneva First United Methodist Church.

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