

**Decatur Daily Democrat, Adams Co, IN; Tuesday, March 29, 2005**

Veda J. Haggard, 99, Berne, a lifelong Adams County resident, died on Monday in Swiss Village Retirement Center.

She was born in Adams County on June 12, 1905, to M. Forest and Alice Rainer Andrews.

She married A. D. "Bill" Crist on June 23, 1928; he died on August 15, 1952. She married Harvey L. Haggard on July 11, 1958; he died on September 4, 1966.

She was a retired teacher, having taught at Adams Central Elementary School from 1949-1971 and was a member of Monroe United Methodist Church and its Builders Sunday School class. She was also a member of the United Methodist Women, a charter member and 50-year member of the Antoine Rivarrie chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and a member of the Adams County Retired Teachers' Association and the Indiana Retired Teachers' Association.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Paul (Donna Lou) Nussbaum of Berne; two stepsons, Robert L. Haggard of Bluffton and David S. Haggard of Decatur; two stepdaughters, Carol Cashman of Fort Wayne and Mrs. Max (Joyce) McNeal of Springfield, Ohio; six grandchildren; nine stepgrandchildren; four great-grandchildren; eight stepgreat-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

A daughter, two sisters, and three brothers are deceased.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday in the auditorium at Swiss Village, with burial in Decatur Cemetery.

Visiting hours are 6-8 p.m. Wednesday in Haggard and Sefton Funeral Home and 9:30-10:30 a.m. Thursday in the Swiss Village auditorium.

Preferred memorials are to Monroe United Methodist Church.