

## **News Banner, Wells County, Indiana; Monday, Sep 19, 2005**

Willodean J. Halberstadt, 89

Mother of Douglas D. Halberstadt of Bluffton, Willodean J. Halberstadt, 89, of Fort Wayne, previously of Bluffton and a 50-year resident of Adams County, died at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 16, 2005, at Saint Anne Home, Fort Wayne.

Born Feb. 9, 1916, in Berne, she was a daughter of Noah and Leah Luginbill Ellenberger. Her marriage was on Oct. 2, 1939, in Campbell, Tenn., to James Franklin Halberstadt Jr., who died Nov. 26, 1983.

She was a member of the Decatur First United Methodist Church and Our Night Out Home Ec Club of Decatur, and a volunteer at Adams County Memorial Hospital and Veterans Service Office. She retired in 1999 from Creative Corner Childcare and previously had worked at G. C. Murphy Co.

Surviving, in addition to the Bluffton son, are another son, Max G. Halberstadt of Fort Wayne, a sister, Vera Jane Hay of Decatur, and two grandsons. She was preceded in death by a son, Kent Lee Halberstadt, who died in infancy; four sisters, Goldie Ellenberger, Flossie Caston, Virene Ehrsam-Michael and Kathryn Hess, and five brothers, Joyce, Vernal, Eldon, Noah Jr. and Roy Ellenberger.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday in the Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home, Decatur, where services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, with Pastor Ken Mahan officiating. Burial will be in Decatur Cemetery. Memorials to the First United Methodist Church, Decatur.