

Audra E. Miller, 88, passed away at 1:15 a.m. Monday, August 1, 2011 at Woodcrest Nursing Center, Decatur. Born on June 2, 1923, in Celina, Ohio, to Dallas and Anna (Suhr) Coats, she married Fuhrman P. Miller on March 24, 1946; he died Oct. 3, 2010.

A graduate of Celina High School, she was a homemaker and supported her husband's ministry for more than 50 years, which took her to Avilla (1952-1954), Rensselaer (1954-1957), Linn Grove (1957-1961), Decatur (1961-1976) and Goshen (1976-1987). She also worked as a teacher's aide in a special education program in Elkhart and in the North Adams schools.

She has been a member of St. Mark's United Methodist Church since she and her husband returned to retire from full-time ministry in Decatur in 1987, active in the Shalom Circle of the United Methodist Women. She was one of several women who pioneered the St. Mark's pre-school ministry in the mid-1960s.

The family would like to thank the staff at Woodcrest for their excellent care and compassion.

Survivors include four sons, Daniel Miller of Danville, Mark (Kathy) Miller of Bluffton, Alan Miller of Fort Wayne, and Rev. Kevin (Liz) Miller of Bremen; three sisters, Lucille Smith of Coldwater, Ohio, Jane Frysinger of Celina, Ohio, and June (Ted) Yewey of Wapakoneta, Ohio; 10 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. She was also preceded in death by a sister, Helen Russell, and two great-granddaughters.

Visitation will be on Thursday, August 4, 2011 at Woodcrest Nursing Center from 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. and then at Haggard-Sefton & Hirschy Funeral Home from 4:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Funeral Service will be held on Friday, August 5, 2011 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mark's United Methodist Church with calling 1 hour prior to the service. Officiating will be Pastor Michael Heinbaugh and burial will take place in Decatur Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to St. Mark's United Methodist Church.

Haggard-Sefton & Hirschy Funeral Home online obit (accessed 8/1/2011)