

Mary L. Sheets, 87, of Van Wert, died at 7:45 p.m. Saturday, July 19, 2008, at Vancrest Healthcare Center, Van Wert.

She was born Jan. 2, 1921, in Adams County, Ind., to the late Leota (Butcher) Bebout and Nick Bebout. On March 24, 1940, she married Carl Sheets. He died in 1975.

Survivors include her children, Jim (Sandy) Sheets of Van Wert, Betty (Larry) Carter of Bryan, Ohio, and Barbara (Tom) Bates of Van Wert; four sisters, Donna Dunlap, Joann (Robert) Thomas, Pat (Robert) Sowers and Mary Bebout, all Van Wert; seven grandchildren, and fourteen great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, Gene, Don and Robert Bebout, and two sisters, Glendola Myers and Edith Bebout. She retired from Central Mutual Insurance Company in 1986. She was a member of First United Methodist Church, Van Wert. She played volleyball and bowled for many years.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 23 at Alspach-Gearhart Funeral Home & Crematory, Van Wert. The Rev. Paul Miller will officiate. Burial will be in Woodland Cemetery, Van Wert. Calling hours are 2-8 p.m. Tuesday, July 22 at the funeral home.

Preferred memorial is American Cancer Society.

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