

GENEVA: Vergena M. Baumgartner, 76, died Sunday at Jay County Hospital, Portland. She worked at Nussbaum Novelty of Berne for 17 years and Decatur industries for 26 years before retiring in 1983. Surviving are her husband, Earl; a daughter, Barbara Haefell of Mansfield, Ohio; a brother, William J. Betz of Portland; a sister, Marcella Iliff of Portland; four grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. Services at 10 a.m. Thursday at Downing Funeral Home, Geneva. Calling from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday and an hour before services Thursday. Burial in Gravel Hill Cemetery.

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Vergena M. Baumgartner, 76, 235 Decatur St., Geneva, died Sunday morning at the Jay County Hospital. She was employed at Nussbaum Novelty in Berne for 17 years and was employed at Decatur Industries for 26 years, retiring in 1983. Mrs. Baumgartner was a member of the Portland Church of God and the Anderson affiliation of the church.

Born May 30, 1917 in Bluffton, she was the daughter of William H. and Ida (Miller) Betz. She was married Jan. 20, 1934 to Earl S. Baumgartner, who survives. Surviving besides her husband are one daughter, Barbara Baefeli, Mansfield, Ohio; one brother, William J. Betz, Portland; one sister, Marcella Iliff, Portland; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Services are set for 10 am Thursday in the Downing Funeral Home, Geneva, with the Rev. Elmer Sollenberger officiating. Burial will be in Gravel Hill Cemetery at Bryant.

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