George & Martha BAKER

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It was just such a lovely fall day as we have been enjoying in this present period of Hoosier Indian Summer, back in that long ago year of 1890, when young George BAKER and his bride-to-be, Martha, rode on horseback up to the home of the preacher at Bloomfield to be wed. Both were orphans, Martha, a native of Washington, County, George a native Ohioan who came from Steubenville. But both were filled with that common hope for the future which springs up in the souls of young people in love and helps them to rise above all problems of the moment. Now, 68 years later, they can look back upon the good life which providence permitted them to share. George and Martha Baker came to Parke County in 1926. They have farmed all of their lives, though, of course, their later years have been primarily years of retirement from active work. The handicap of blindness in one eye from the age of 4 did not keep George from becoming a skillful farmer. At early ages, both George and Martha pledged their lives to Christian service and the subsequent years have found them always actively interested participants in church work. They are members of the Sand Creek EUB Church. The Bakers have 3 sons; Leroy of Linton; John and Jonah of Rockville RR2. They make their home with Jonah. They also have two grandchildren and 7 greats. On Oct 14, the Bakers observed their 68th anniversary with a quiet family dinner. George was 96 years old last August 3 and Martha was 92 on June 6.

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