



Gerken Irma

July 5, 2012

Irma E. Gerken, 90, of Defiance, passed away on Thursday, July 5, 2012 at Mercy Hospital of Defiance. She was born on March 12, 1922 in Defiance County to the late Otto & Dora (Behrens) Bostelman. On June 14, 1941, she married Carl F. Gerken. They recently enjoyed their 71st wedding anniversary. Irma was a homemaker and a lifelong member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Okolona. She is survived by her husband, Carl; daughter, Beverly (Bob) Nicely of Ayersville, Ohio; son, Robert (Sherri) Gerken of Greensboro, North Carolina; 5 grandchildren, 9 great grandchildren, 1 great great grandchild; sisters, Donelda Huber of Deshler, and Marilyn Behrman of Defiance. She was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Connie; grandson, Adam Gerken; brothers, Freddie, Ervin, Marvin, Lester; and a sister, Loueda Badenhop. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, July 9, 2012 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Okolona. Interment will follow in the church cemetery. Visitation will be held on Sunday from 2-8 p.m. at Rodenberger Funeral Home, Napoleon and on Monday 1 hour prior to the funeral at the church. The family suggest memorials be given to Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Okolona or Jewell Fire Department. Online condolences may be made at www.rodenbergerfuneralhome.com.

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“ Carl, Bev, Robert and families Sending my sincere sympathy on the loss of Irma. ##imported-begin## Marlene Bockelman ##imported-end##

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