



## Kistner L. Iris

May 16, 2012

Iris L. Kistner, of McClure, Ohio was lovingly embraced by her Lord and Savior, as she passed away at St. Luke's Hospital in Maumee, Ohio. Hence began a heavenly reunion with her husband, Don E., daughters, Karen Harmon, Sandra L. Johnston, and son, Jon E. Her Legacy... Iris was born July 6, 1925 in McClure, Ohio to the late Lloyd Raymond and Katherine (March) Merillat-Maiers. She graduated from Damascus Local School in 1943. She met and later married her husband, Don E. Kistner, of 55 years. She was a caring mother of eleven children; daughters, †Karen (†Gary) Harmon, Mary Ann (†Roger) Johnson, Donna (Rodney) Jones, †Sandra (Ray) Johnston, Linda (Michael) Hoban, Joanne (Larry) Gustwiller, sons; †Jon E. (Cherri), David (Cindy), Kurt (Robin), Steven (Teena), and Matthew. She also leaves behind 26 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren, brother, Bud (Mary) Merillat, and half-sisters, Mary and Maxine. Devoting herself to farm life, she worked keeping the home running with gardening, canning, freezing, sewing, and cooking. She taught the art of keeping house and setting a fine table. Later were years of great joy in traveling with Don to be with family in northwest Canada and many other historical sites. She truly loved a spirited debate on current politics giving her Republican views. Iris was a member of Westhope Bible Church. Recently she attended services at Bethany Baptist and Neapolis Church of Christ with her children. She enjoyed the Bible study group with Christian friends. Services... A celebration of her life and testimony to others will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 19th, 2012 at Bethany

Baptist Church, 14070 Bailey Road, Grand Rapids, Ohio with Pastor Tim Coley officiating. Visitation will be held prior to funeral from 12:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the church. A private family interment will be held at Highland Memorial Gardens in Waterville, Ohio. The family suggests memorials be made to "The Family of Iris Kistner" so they may distribute them as they wish.

# Tribute Wall



“ Mother will be missed by many! She was full of humor, opinions on a variety of topics, and wanting to be a part of LIFE. She enjoyed many things, but her illness restricted life. We began to call her the Iron Lady after a favorite-Margaret Thatcher. We will all go on, but nothing will ever be quite the same. Mother is now safe at HOME- we look forward to joining you, Dad, and the siblings. Love forever! Joanne, Larry, and Rachel###imported-begin##Joanne K. Gustwiller###imported-end##

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“ Our sincere sympathy to the whole family on your loss. Prayers to you all.###imported-begin##Kathy & Steve Lieb###imported-end##

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“ Rachel, my sympathy goes out to your and your family on the passing of your grandmother. You are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Barb Rickard###imported-begin##Barb Rickard###imported-end##

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“ We're so sorry we are unable to come to the funeral and burial. At least we got to see and talk to her last year. Guess she just couldn't make to age 95. God Bless her heart. Thank You, Dave and Mary Ann for keeping in touch with us###imported-begin##Uncle Bud & Aunt Mary###imported-end##

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