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Clara B. Frantz

Clara Blocher Frantz, 83, of Timbercrest Retirement Community, died Friday, Sept. 5, 1997 at Timbercrest Healthcare Center. She was born Dec. 13, 1913 in Clinton County, IN to Ray and Mary (Reavis) Wolf. She married Delbert Blocher on March 19, 1938, and he died on March 15, 1965. She then married Glen R. Frantz Sept. 5, 1972. She lived in North Manchester for several years, previously of Clinton County. She was a member of the North Manchester Old German Baptist Brethren Church. She lived at Timbercrest since 1981. She worked for Heckman Bindery from 1965-1972.

Survivors include her husband, Glen of North Manchester; a son, Morris E. Blocher of Delphi, IN; daughters Mrs. Ralph (Mary Evelyn) Karstedt of Bremen, and Mrs. Jerry (Kathleen Lucy) Cable of Rossville, IN; brothers Clarence and Wilbert, both of Rossville, IN; stepdaughters Mrs. Dennis (Ruth) Landes of New Carlisle, OH, Velma Frey, and Carolyn Frantz, both of North Manchester; step son Virgil Frantz of North Manchester; seven grandchildren, 15 great grandchildren, 10 step grandchildren, 34 step great grand-

children, and five step great grandchildren. One grandchild and three step great great grandchildren preceded her in death.

Funeral service was held Monday, Sept. 8 at the Old German Baptist Brethren Church with the Home Brethren officiating. Burial was in the Old German Baptist Brethren Cemetery.

CLARA BLOCHER FRANTZ

On December 13, 1913, Clara Luella Wolf was born to Ray and Mary (Reavis) Wolf in Clinton county, near Rossville, Indiana. She was the first of three children; her brothers Clarence and Wilbert Wolf survive her and live in Rossville. She attended school in that community.

At the age of twenty, Clara responded to the Master's call and was baptized into the Old German Baptist Brethren. Her faith was a source of continuing personal strength.

Clara was joined in marriage to Delbert F. Blocher on March 19, 1938. The couple lived alternately in Clinton and Wabash Counties until Delbert passed away March 15, 1965. They had three children: Mary Evelyn (Mrs. Ralph) Karstedt of Bremen, Morris Eldon Blocher of Delphi, and Kathleen Lucy (Mrs. Jerry) Cable of Rossville.

On September 5, 1972, Clara was married to Glen Frantz of North Manchester. The two lived for a time on Westchester Drive and moved to the Timbercrest Community in May of 1982. They lived first on Spruce Lane and then in F Wing of the manor. Both have been in Health Care since January of 1991. Clara, who suffered from Multiple Sclerosis, passed on to her eternal reward on the Frantz's twenty-fifth anniversary, September 5, 1997. Glen survives her.

Clara was extremely fond of her family which included her children and their spouses, seven grandchildren, fifteen great-grandchildren, 34 step-great-grandchildren, and 5 step-great-great-grandchildren. She loved occasions when the family would gather for dinner in a Timbercrest lounge.

Clara was an excellent seamstress and loved to crochet. One of her personal projects was to make wedding garters for brides in the family and community. For seven years she worked at Heckman Bindery in North Manchester where she hand-sewed the bindings on fragile old books.

Climbing onto a short ladder, she prepared to dust the shelf of a transom. Unexpectedly, she found herself face to face with a mouse. "You get out of here," she ordered. The mouse was obedient and disappeared. That's the way Clara Frantz met life. She looked problems in the eye and did what was necessary.

Services for Clara Frantz will be held at the North Manchester Old German Baptist Brethren Church on Monday, September 8, 1997, at 10:00 a.m. Visitation will be on Sunday, September 7, 1997, at 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon at the Timbercrest Chapel and 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Bender Chapel. Burial will be at North Manchester Old German Baptist Brethren Cemetery.

- written by the family of Clara Frantz