

NEFF — Mary, oldest daughter of Bro. Solomon and Sister Mina (Shellabarger) Billheimer, was born in Darke Co. OH Apr. 14, 1907, and remained in this area her entire life. She was married to Andrew Pete Neff Aug. 28, 1926. To this union were born a son, Richard, and 4 daughters, Mae Fern Young, Sister Doris Brown, Margaret Hart and Marianne Clark. She was a farm wife and homemaker, devoted to her children with strong motherly care and concern.

She passed away in the Center of Hope Care Center in Union City OH on Dec. 12, 2000. She was preceded in death by her father and mother; her stepmother, Sister Martha (Baker) Billheimer; her husband; brothers, David, John and Sam; and a sister, Sister Esther (Cottrell) Bowman.

Surviving are the above-mentioned children; brothers, Joe and Paul; sisters, Hazel Brown, Norma Jean Meeks and Betty Winch; along with several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nephews and nieces.

Funeral services were held Dec. 15 at the Oliver Funeral Home, Greenville OH by the ministry of Woodington Congregational Christian Church, where she held membership. Burial was made in the Teegarden Cemetery near Ansonia OH.

A daughter, Doris Brown

DAYHUFF — Lorene Ellen of Winter Haven FL died Dec. 12, 2000, after a long illness. She had been residing at Life Care Center, Winter Haven. She was born in Peru IN on Apr. 11, 1921, to Earl and Geneva (Lesh) Krammes.

On Dec. 25, 1939, she was united in marriage with Willard Max Dayhuff of Patricksburg IN. Together, they shared the joys and sorrows of life for almost 61 years. They lived at various places in the Delphi-Burlington IN area until 1951 when she and her husband moved to Winter Haven which was her home the rest of her life.

Although Mother lived in Florida and her family lived in Ohio, she dearly

loved them and showed it by her loving notes and gift giving.

She is survived by her husband; 2 daughters, Karen and her husband, Lloyd Deaton; Cheryl (Cheri) and her husband, Dave Vollette; a son, Danny; 7 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Dortha and her husband, Kenneth Oyler, Sr.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Larry; and an infant great-grandson, Jonathon Strike.

The funeral was Dec. 16 at Ott-Laughlin Funeral Home, Winter Haven. The service was conducted by Brethren Ray Knaus, Leonard Hubbard and Raymond Wagoner. Jn. 14:1-3 was used as a text with many other scriptures referred to. Hymns used during the services were 423, 405 and 510.

Burial was in Glen Abbey Memorial Gardens, Auburndale FL. Hymn 526 was sung at the graveside service and hymns 494, 86 and 499 were sung while the grave was being filled.

Mother will be sadly missed by her devoted husband, children and grandchildren.

The Family

MILLER — Norman Harold of Haysville KS, son of Forrest and Amy (Denlinger) Miller, was born Apr. 25, 1937, near Pittsburg OH. He departed this life on Dec. 19, 2000, in Wichita KS. He attended elementary school at Pittsburg and graduated from Arcanum High School, Arcanum OH. Norman served his C.O. service at Blanchard Valley Hospital, Findlay OH, where he met and married his wife, Ruth Pargeon, on May 10, 1958. In their early married life he and his companion felt the need of a Savior and were baptized into the Old German Baptist Brethren church in the Ash Grove district, Lima OH.

After a major surgery and complications, he unexpectedly passed from time to eternity due to cardiac arrest. In addition to his wife, he is survived by 3 sons, Philip, Jeff, and Todd and Sandy; 2 daughters, Cynthia Jacobs, and Amy and Jeff Flora; 7 grandchildren, Mike,

Jamie and Patty Jacobs, Joshua and Tyler Miller, and Heather and Dustin Flora; a brother, Marvin and Naomi; 4 sisters, Lois Jean and Glen Mohler, Bonnie and Donald Balsbaugh, Janet and Paul Riffey, and Mary and Melvin Filbrun. He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Paul; and a sister, Phyllis Kuns. Norman was a custodian for the Covington OH school system for 25 years. Because of his outgoing personality, he had many friends and students who thought highly of him. He will be greatly missed by his family and those who came to know him.

Funeral services were held Dec. 27 by Brethren Robert Flora and Roger Rapp at the Jackson Funeral Home, Covington. Hymns 494 and 483 were sang and Ps. 23 and Mal. 3:16 were read with the thought of remembrances. A short service was held at the graveside with hymn 150 and thoughts from 1 Thess. 4:13-18 by Bro. Duane Flora. His body was laid to rest in the New-comer Cemetery near Pittsburg where hymns 455, 526 and 423 were sang while filling the grave.

The Family

HENGST — Melva R. was born Jan. 26, 1911, in Clearfield Co. PA, the daughter of the late Edward and Emma Mae (Stiver) Jacobs. She died Dec. 17, 2000, at her home, 630 S. Washington St., Greencastle PA.

She is survived by her husband, Grant G. Hengst, whom she married Apr. 3, 1937 in Center Co. PA; 2 daughters, Virginia G. Hengst and Suzanne H. Hess; 9 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren; 3 sisters, Charlotte McNicol, Mildred Banta and Marcella Douglas. Preceding her in death were 2 brothers, Glenn and Bruce; 1 sister, Myrtle Williams and 3 other infant siblings.

She had been in failing health since suffering a stroke in Apr. 1998. Since her stroke, she had lived with Suzanne and her husband, Douglas, in Shady Grove PA, until their recent move back to her home in Greencastle.

She was a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Greencastle, where her funeral services were held Dec. 21.

She was of a pleasant disposition, and as many family and friends ministered to her nursing needs, we felt the love of God as it was spread abroad among us.

The Family

BEERY — Francis Lynn, 88, of Cerro Gordo IL, died Dec. 25, 2000, in Manor Nursing Home at Decatur IL. He was born Apr. 4, 1912, in Macon Co., the son of Eldo and Minerva (Miller) Beery. Along with his parents, the family included 2 sisters, Ethel and Lenora.

He was a former director of the Cerro Gordo Co-Op, on the Cerro Gordo School Board for 12 years, and a director of the Cerro Gordo Building & Loan for more than 40 years and also president. Francis was a lifelong farmer, living on the same road and farm 88 years, homesteaded by his great-grandfather, David Wagner. He enjoyed woodworking and traveling.

Francis married Mary E. Frantz in 1933. To this union, 2 daughters were born. Marlene married Arnold Schultz and has 2 children, Kyle and Katana; Lorraine married Robert Keller and has 2 children, Robert and Randy. Mary passed away in 1955.

In 1969, Francis married Mary Ellen Bowrey. Joining the family were Connie and Bonnie Bowrey. Bonnie married Leon Pierson and has a son, Jason.

Francis was also preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Ethel.

Funeral services were conducted at the Brentlinger Funeral Home, Cerro Gordo, from Ex. 20:2-17 by Orvel Gish. Burial was in the West Frantz Cemetery, Oakley IL.

The Family

GAINER — Lloyd Arthur, son of Jesse J. and Emma (Farr) Gainer, was born Feb. 11, 1914, at Deer Creek OK. He departed this life on Dec. 28, 2000, at the age of 86 years, 10 months and