

Linda Benanzer

Linda (Barhorst) Benanzer, age 62, of Fort Loramie, passed away on Tuesday, Sept. 22, 2009.



She was born Sept. 13, 1947 to Alphonso and Jeanette (Pleiman) Barhorst of Fort Loramie. On July 21, 1965 she married Leroy Benanzer, who preceded her in death on May 20, 2004.

She is survived by her children: Lori Slonkosky of Sidney, Kaye (Gary) Lengerich of Maplewood, Tony (April) Benanzer of Montezuma and Lynn (Marc) Rue of Jackson Center; as well as nine grandchildren: Eric, Kirsten and Haley Slonkosky; Benjamin and Matthew Lengerich; Brandon and Craig Benanzer; and John and Meranda Rue. She also leaves behind two brothers, Mark (Kathy) Barhorst of Fort Loramie and Gary (Delores) Barhorst of Wapakoneta, and brothers and sisters-in-law: Judith (Victor) Schulze of McCartyville, Mary (Richard) Berning of Newport, Ruth (Edward) Schulze of Newport, Agnes (John) Fisher of Wapakoneta, Rose Muhlenkamp of Tipp City, Louis (Rex) Frey of Fort Loramie and Joseph (Pam) Benanzer of Sidney. She was preceded in death by her father and a brother-in-law, Bill Muhlenkamp.

She was a member of St. Michael Catholic Church, the St. Ann's Ladies Sodality, Fort Loramie American Legion Ladies Auxiliary, Minster Eagles Ladies Auxiliary and the local Quilters Guild. She was retired from Fair Haven Shelby County Home since 2007. Previously she and her late husband owned and operated the Pemberton Country Market from 1979 through 1988. She was a great cook, always ready for an evening of cards and was often the driver for many outings to play cards, quilt, eat out or to see her grandchildren.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Monday, Sept. 28, 2009 at St. Michael Church with Rev. Steven Shoup officiating. Burial followed at St. Michael's Cemetery. Gehret Funeral Home in Fort Loramie handled the arrangements. Memorials may be donated to the Shelby County Relay for Life.