Alma E. Bretland

Alma E. Bretland, 85, of Troy, formerly of Minster, died Friday, Jan. 31, 2003 in Upper Valley Medical Center, Troy.

Mrs. Bretland was born June 1, 1917 in Darke County, the daughter of the late Calvin and Frances Stueve Coble. She married Lawrence E. Bretland, who preceded her in death in 1995.

Survivors include sons, Lawrence D. of Troy and Robert O. (Millie) of Monroe, Ohio; daughters, Judith K. (Mike) Hemmert of Troy, Carol L. Byrkett of Troy and Doris A. Shepherd of Troy; eight grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

A sister, Doris Klosterman of St. Marys, also survives.

Three brothers and two sisters preceded her in death.

Mrs. Bretland was a member of the Troy Elks Lodge Ladies' Social Club and the VFW Auxiliary of Troy.

She was a 1935 graduate of Minster High School.

She retired from Uhlmans Department Store, Troy, in 1983 after 20 years of service.

Rev. Al Bastin held funeral services, Feb. 3 at Baird Funeral Home, Troy. Burial followed in Riverside Cemetery and burial followed in Riverside Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association or Sunrise Center in Troy.