

Luella B. Gagel

Luella B. Gagel, formerly of Maria Stein, died on Sunday, April 12, 2009 at Otterbein in St. Marys. She was 93 years old.

She was born June 19, 1915 to William and Thecla (Nau) Hemmelgarn of Burkettsville. On Feb. 9, 1946 she married Wilbert Gagel, who preceded her in death on Nov. 26, 1981.

She is survived by her children: Donald (Janice) Gagel of New Bremen, Roselyn Mercuri of Centerville and Janet (Mark) Dilley of Bradenton, Fla.; as well as five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. She also leaves behind a brother-in-law Bob Zimmer of Beavercreek and a sister-in-law Kitty Hemmelgarn of Dayton. She is preceded in death by a son-in-law Joe Mercuri and siblings: Eleanor Schenking, George Garn, Frances Severt, Mary Grilliot, Ursula Barga, Alfred Hemmelgarn, Agnes Zimmer and Hilda Catanzaro.

She was a member of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, the Ladies Sodality of the church and American Legion Auxiliary Post #571. She was the first president of the American Legion Auxiliary and co-founder of Gagel Plumbing and Heating in Minster.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 16, 2009 at St. John Church with Rev. Gene Schnipke officiating. Calling hours will be on Wednesday, April 15, 2009 from 4 to 8 p.m., and on Thursday, April 16, 2009 from 9 to 10 a.m. at Hogenkamp Funeral Home in Minster. Memorials may be donated to Otterbein in St. Marys.