

Thursday, October 9, 2003

## Obituaries

### Rita M. Keller

Rita M. Keller, 86, 1481 Cranberry Rd., St. Henry, Ohio, died Sunday, Oct. 5, 2003 in Community Hospital, Coldwater.

Mrs. Keller was born Feb. 25, 1917 in Burkettsville, Ohio, the daughter of Henry and Ida Dahlinghaus Kessens.

She married Edward Keller, April 25, 1942. He survives.

Other survivors include sons John (Jean) of McCartyville, Dick (Marge) of St. Henry, Tom (Ruth) of New Bremen, Jerry (Rita) of New Bremen, and Tony (Sue) of Warren, Ohio; daughters Mary Ann Lajcik of Thousand Oaks, Calif., Betty (Bob) Kates of Dayton, Karen (Tom) Kovac of Fresno, Calif., Norma (Dave) Will of Fort Recovery, Margie (Rick) Vagedes of Bloomington, Ind., and Ruth (Gene) Foster of Lakeland, Fla.; 37 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren.

A sister, Bernadine Covach of Troy, Mich. also survives.

A daughter, a grandchild, a sister and two brothers have preceded her in death.

Mrs. Keller was a member of St. Francis Church, Cranberry Prairie, Ohio and the Ladies Sodality of the parish. She belonged to the Knights of St. John Auxiliary, Maria Stein.

She was a homemaker.

Fr. David Hoying celebrated a Mass of Christian Burial, Oct. 8 at St. Francis Church. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Hogenkamp Funeral Home, St. Henry, handled the arrangements.