

Elizabeth M. Brun

Elizabeth "Betty" M. Brun, 97, passed away Feb. 1, 2010 at Briarwood Village.

She was born in St. Henry on Oct. 29, 1912 to Henry B. Jr and Rosina Sophie (Minges) Schrage. She was a 1930 graduate of St. Henry High School. On Sept. 29, 1934 she married Clarence J. Brun at St. Henry Catholic Church. They made their home in Coldwater where Clarence co-owned and operated the Busy Bee Grocery Store and he later served



two terms as treasurer of Mercer County. In their 50 years together Betty and Clarence had four children and provided them with a happy home and college educations.

Betty was an excellent homemaker, cook, seamstress, quilter and needle-worker. She was the secretary for several organizations and the presiding judge at the election polls for many years, besides occasional part time jobs throughout her life.

Betty enjoyed poetry, geography, traveling, dancing, crossword puzzles, creating dozens of photo albums and collecting recipes. She was interested in local and world affairs, supported the Democratic Party and many good causes. She relished her independence, played bridge and emailed her family from her own home up until the last two weeks of her life. She had been active in the Red Cross, the Hospital Auxiliary, St. Ann's Sodality and the St. Cecilia Knights of St. John's Auxiliary, all of Coldwater.

She is survived by her children: Marilyn (James) Wilson of Fairfield, Calif., Jerome (Barbara) Brun of Sarasota, Fla., Diana Otterbacher of Hebron, Ill. and Frederick (Barbara) Brun of Vail, Ariz; as well as grandchildren: Susan (Rick) Schmitz, Karen Wilson, Greg (Soonhee) Wilson, Geoffrey (Carolina) Wilson, Stephen (Mary) Wilson, Eric (Meade) Brun, Ellen (Jon) Bjork, Elizabeth (Adam) Burns, John (Melanie) Escobar, Margaret (Andrew) Warren, Lauren (Mark) Salerno, Timothy (Lisa) Otterbacher and Jonathan (Danielle) Otterbacher; and great grandchildren: Denise, Belinda and Thomas Schmitz, Patrick, Cameron, Brendan and Damian Wilson, Jillian and Ava Bjork, Eric, Salerno, Isabella, Charles and Carolina Burns, Griffin, Tyler and Sophia Warren, Kaylee, Calvin, Kolton, Helaena, Willow and Joel Otterbacher. Betty also leaves behind many dear friends and relatives.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, her brothers Henry and Charles Schrage, her sister Caroline Valentine and her son-in-law Robert Otterbacher.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations in Betty's name to the Mercer County Chapter of the American Red Cross at 909 E. Wayne St. Suite 124, Celina, OH. 45822.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 4, 2010 at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with Rev. Rick Walling officiating. Friends may call at the Hogenkamp Funeral Home in Coldwater on Wednesday Feb. 3 from 4 to 8 p.m., and on Thursday, Feb. 4 from 9 to 10 a.m. Burial will be in St. Elizabeth Cemetery in Coldwater.