

Joan E. Barge

Joan E. (Wappelhorst) Barge, age 73, of Fort Loramie, passed away of natural causes at her residence late Friday evening, Sept. 10, 2010.

She was born March 31, 1937, at Coldwater, to the late Bernard and Olivia (Drees) Wappelhorst.



On May 14, 1960, at St. Michael Church in Fort Loramie, Joan married Dale "Butch" Barge who preceded her in death on May 6, 1992.

One daughter, Elizabeth "Betty" Moyler of Fort Loramie survives as well as two siblings, Margaret and Cyril Lange of Fort Loramie and Donald Wappelhorst of Piqua; sisters and brothers-in-law, Linda Wappelhorst of Greenville, Jane Wappelhorst of Trenton, N.J., Ruby Cool of Greenville, Barbara Grisez of Greenville, and Lester and Jessie Barge of Texas; exchange students, Barb Natividad, Lillian Moura, and Jaime Trevino; special friends of the family, Ann and Dustin Dirksen.

She was also preceded in death by two siblings, Irene and Eugene Pleiman and Thomas Wappelhorst; three sisters-in-law and six brothers-in-law.

Joan attended St. Michael Catholic Church and was active in St. Ann's Ladies Sodality and Apostleship of Prayer.

She had been a 40 year lifetime member and current president of the Fort Loramie American Legion Auxillary Post 355.

In 1955, Joan graduated from Fort Loramie High School.

She retired from Marwil Products Co. in 2002, where she had been a bookkeeper. Years ago, she had been employed nearly 20 years with the former Fort Loramie Banking Co.

In her leisure time, Joan enjoyed attending various dinner theaters with a group of widow friends.

Mass of Christian Burial was held at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, Sept. 15, 2010, at St. Michael Church in Fort Loramie with Rev. Steven Shoup presiding. Interment followed at St. Michael's Cemetery.

Visitation was held at Gehret Funeral Home, 64 Elm St., in Fort Loramie. Memorials may be made to the Fort Loramie American Legion Auxillary, the Local Autism Society, or Wilson Hospice Care.

Condolences may be expressed at www.gehretfuneralhome.com