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Larry and Judy Coppess, of Minster, will observe their 50th wedding anniversary on June 25, 2011.

A dinner and celebration for family and the wedding party will be given in their honor by their children. The couple and their family will also be honored during the Sunday morning service at Lima Baptist Temple in Lima, where they are members.

Larry Coppess and the former Judith Bricker were married on June 26, 1961, at the Evangelical United Brethren Church in Rockford by the Rev. Robert Williman. Witnesses were Joyce (Bricker) Miller and Richard Michael. Other members of the wedding party were Lana Hacker, Linda (Coppess) Gasper,

Richard Michael, Clyde Doss (deceased) and David Stoffer.

They are the parents to four children, Lori and Joseph Cox of Suwanee, Ga., Julie Hatch of Lewis Center, Leslie and Sinclair Hollberg of Griffin, Ga., Eric and Kelly Coppess of Tipp City. They have six grandchildren, Haley, Kimberly and Morgan Cox, Bailey and Sydney Hatch, Rachel Hollberg. They are expecting their first grandson, Aiden John, to be born in July.

The couple met while in high school when they attended a two-week band camp at Miami University in Oxford. They were married five years to the day of their first date.

