



Florence J. Smith

March 6, 1917 - May 2, 2010

Florence J. Smith, 93, of rural Wapakoneta, died 8:18 a.m., Sun. May 2, 2010, at the Wapakoneta Manor. She was born March 6, 1917, in Auglaize Co., the daughter of Jesse & Cordelia (Horn) Bowdle, who preceded her in death. On Aug. 30, 1942, she married Cloice A. Smith, and he died Jan. 19, 2010. Survivors include, 2 children, Martha (Ruhl) Warden, Lima, Paul (Judith) Smith, Wapakoneta, 4 grandchildren, Cynthia Warden, Rhonda (Michael) Neumann, Mike (Kathleen) Smith, & Denise (Reggie) Green, 4 great grandchildren, Frederick Neumann, Isaiah Smith, Simon Smith, & Alessandra Green, 2 sisters, Lenore Bowble, Wooster, OH, Dorothy (Dr. Robert) Kugel, Arlington, VA, numerous nieces, nephews, grand nieces and grand nephews. She was preceded in death by a brother, John T. Bowdle, and 3 sisters, Laurel Bowdle, Alice Stroh, and Grace Smith. A homemaker, Florence also was a farm wife helping on the farm especially milking cows. She was a member of First United Methodist Church, Wapakoneta. Her hobbies included gardening, sewing, and playing the piano. Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m., Wed. May 5, 2010, at the First United Methodist Church, Glynwood Rd., Wapakoneta, Pastor R.J. Davis officiating. Burial will follow in the Greenlawn Cemetery, Wapakoneta. The family will receive friends from 6-8 p.m., Tues. at the Bayliff & Eley Funeral Home, St. Rt. 501, Wapakoneta, and 1 hr. prior to the service, Wed. at the church. Memorials may be directed to the First United Methodist Church, the American Cancer Society, or Macular Degeneration Research.