



Helen R. Lea

June 7, 1923 - March 20, 2009

Helen R. Lea, 85, of Wapakoneta, died 12:17 a.m., Fri. March 20, 2009, at Wapakoneta Manor. She was born June 7, 1923, in Newtown, OH, Hamilton Co., the daughter of William & Mary (Ferrel) Edwards, who preceded her in death. She was also preceded in death by her step-mother, Leona Edwards. On Aug. 23, 1948, she married John H. Lea, and he died Oct. 21, 1996. Survivors include, a brother, William (Jean) Edwards, Mansfield, OH, a sister, Donna (Evert) Roop, Dayton, TN, a step-sister, Dorothy Boswell, Prospect, OH, 2 nephews, Ronald (Kathy) Roop, Uniopolis, OH, Donald (Roseanne) Roop, Wapakoneta, a niece, Kathleen (Thomas) Frey, Niles, MI. She was preceded in death by a step-sister, Deloris Huber. A homemaker, Mrs. Lea worked as a bank teller and a secretary with the U.S. Government. She had also held various positions with the Melody Meadows Campgrounds, Colona, IL. She was a member of the Sunrise Mountain United Methodist Church, Las Vegas, NV. A 1941 graduate of Lima Central High School, she was also a member of the Trinity Chapter #16, O.E.S., Lima. She enjoyed playing bingo, arts, crafts, and her dogs. Graveside services will be 11:00 a.m., Mon. March 23, 2009, at Fairmount Cemetery, near Uniopolis, OH, Pastor Dan Holbrook officiating. There is to be no local visitation. Memorials may be directed to Wapakoneta Manor Activity Fund. Arrangements are being conducted by the Bayliff & Eley Funeral Home, Wapakoneta.