



Margene F. Graessle

May 22, 1916 - June 25, 2012

Margene E. Graessle, 96, of Wapakoneta, died 11:45 p.m., Mon. June 25, 2012, at Otterbein-Cridersville. She was born May 22, 1916, in Buckland, OH, the daughter of Edgar R. & Carrie M. (Snyder) Mertz, who preceded her in death. On Oct. 28, 1939, she married Frederick W. Graessle and he died Dec. 16, 2003. Survivors include, a brother, Eugene (Nancy) Mertz, Lima, nephews, Michael (Angie) Green & Glen (Valerie) Biederman, both of Wapakoneta, Robert (Patricia) Biederman, Simpsonville, SC, Michael G. (Chrissy) Mertz, Spencerville, a niece, Barbara Green, Wapakoneta, great nieces & nephews, Brian (Stephanie) Green, Natalie (Arby) Turner, Patrick Green, Tracy (Chuck) Miller, Toby (Wendy) Biederman, Drake, Alyssa, & Dylan Mertz, Daniel Biederman, & Jessica Biederman, great great nephews, Garrett & Jacob Miller, Brandon Biederman, Noah Biederman, & Elijah Biederman, close family friend, Robert Baker, Cridersville. She was preceded in death by 2 sisters & brothers-in-law, Martha J. (Raymond E.) Green, and Ruth G. (Harold L.) Biederman. Margene retired in 1981, after 35 years of service as a secretary at Standard Oil Lima Refinery. She was a member of First English Lutheran Church, and the former Elks #1120, both of Wapakoneta. A graduate of Buckland High School, she was also a graduate of the Northwestern Business College, Lima. She had served as chairwoman of the Oakwood Hills Assn., and enjoyed sewing, reading, playing bridge, cooking, traveling, and baking. She enjoyed an active social life, and always had a soft spot in her heart for animals and the Auglaize Co. Humane Society.

She and her husband Fred always made time for their nieces & nephews, and were like 2nd parents to them and grandparents to the great nieces & nephews. Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m., Sun. July 1, 2012, at the Bayliff & Eley Funeral Home, St. Rt. 501, Wapakoneta, Pastor Steven Nelson officiating. Burial will follow in the Greenlawn Cemetery, Wapakoneta. The family will receive friends from 4-8 p.m., Sat. and 1 hr. prior to the service on Sunday at the funeral home. Memorial may be directed to the Auglaize Co. Humane Society or to the First English Lutheran Church.