



Litwiller Anna Mary

October 5, 2003

Mary Anna Benner Litwiller was born on December 1, 1924 to Jonathan and Ellen Mae Temple Benner at Quakertown, Pennsylvania. She peacefully passed away on October 5, 2003 at Good Shepherd Care Center in Versailles, Missouri, at the age of 78 years.

She spent her childhood in Pennsylvania until she moved with her parents to Ithaca, Michigan in 1940 when she was 15 years old. Here she was baptized into the Church of God in Christ, Mennonite. To those vows she remained faithful.

On December 15, 1946 mother was united in marriage to Laurence Litwiller, sharing life's joys and sorrows for 51 years until our fathers passing. God blessed their home with 7 sons and 1 daughter. In September of 1974 our parents moved from Michigan to Versailles, Missouri.

Our memories of Mother are of her modest ways and she was always polite and considerate of others. Mother was a caring person with a sweet disposition, whose faith and trust in God was an encouragement to us. She carried a concern for her family and at times we would find her in earnest prayer. Mother was ready to ask forgiveness when she failed. She loved to sing and especially enjoyed songs of Heaven.

Those cherishing precious memories are seven sons: Terence & wife Wanda, Wilmore, Kansas; Rodney & wife Lois, Linden & wife Linette, and Mark & wife Rachel, all of Versailles, Missouri; Roger & wife Barb, and Dennis, Ithaca, Michigan; Martin & wife Arlene, Newbern, Alabama; one daughter, Kathleen & husband Doug Wesenberg, Ithaca, Michigan; twenty-three grandchildren; three brothers, John & wife Anita Benner, Manheim, Pennsylvania; David & wife Ruth Benner, St. Johns, Michigan; Dick & wife Sundy, Atmore, Alabama; two sisters, Esther & husband Isaiah Wilson, St. Johns, Michigan; and Sarah & husband Robert Litwiller, Ithaca, Michigan; and two sisters-in-law, Maxine Benner, Middleton, Michigan, and Dorothy Benner, Newbern, Alabama. Preceding her in death were her parents, her husband, three brothers, one sister, and one sister-in-law.

Funeral services were held at 3:00 p.m. Wednesday, October 8, at Beulah Mennonite Church near Versailles, with Ministers Melvin Koehn, Ron Hauder and Stanton Unruh officiating. Interment was in the Beulah Mennonite Cemetery. Casketbearers were Terry Litwiller, Rodney Litwiller, Roger Litwiller, Linden Litwiller, Martin Litwiller and Mark Litwiller. Arrangements were under the direction of the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home of Versailles.