

Decatur Daily Democrat (IN) - Saturday, February 13, 2010

Estella E. Habegger, 100, of Berne, died on Thursday, February 11, 2010, at Swiss Village Retirement Community in Berne.

She was born on September 20, 1909, in Van Wert County, Ohio, to the Ernest T. and Mathilda (Schumm) Merkle.

She married Martin D. Habegger on February 6, 1945. He preceded her in death on February 7, 2002.

Estella was a member of Zion Lutheran Church in Decatur and the Monroe Better Homemakers Extension Club. She worked for General Electric in Fort Wayne and was also a homemaker.

Survivors include two grandsons, Doug (Lisa) Habegger and Troy Habegger, both of Monroe; a daughter-in-law, Marsha K. Habegger of Monroe; a sister, Paula Henkle of Arizona; and a great-granddaughter, Faith L. Habegger, and a great-grandson, Aidan D. Habegger, both of Monroe.

She was preceded in death by a son, Ron E. Habegger; a daughter, Marlene A. Habegger; a brother; and a sister.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Monday, February 15, 2010, at Haggard and Sefton Funeral Home, Decatur, with calling from noon-2 p.m. that day. Rev. Anita Rediger will be officiating.

Burial will be in Mazelin Cemetery, rural Berne.

Memorials are to Zion Lutheran Church or to Swiss Village's Samaritan Endowment Fund.

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