

Orvena Laverna (Biberstein) Beard

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Orvena was born September 14, 1917 in Berne, Indiana. She was the daughter of Mike and Martha Biberstein. Mike and Martha were already native to Adams County. She grew up in Berne, Indiana. Orvena had a twin brother that died at the age of 6 from dropsy known today as congestive heart failure. Orvena went to school until the 6th grade. She dropped out because she kept getting held back. She married Roger Beard on October 22, 1938. They moved to Decatur, Indiana together. They had 4 children; Jerry, Richard, Judith, and Marilyn. Orvena's occupations were a housewife and a homemaker. The family participated in the First Missionary Church. The family suffered many hardships but one major one was they were married during the depression. It was hard for them to make ends meet. Orvena died in Decatur, Indiana in 2001. She is buried in the Decatur Cemetery.

Beard Family Tree, Ancestry.com, online, <<http://trees.ancestry.com/>>

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