

Artis May (Welker) Tope

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Artis May (Welker) Tope was born on January 4, 1898 in Adams County to S.T. and Sarah Catherine Welker. She married Groce William Tope on February 24th, 1917 in St Mary's township. They had two children: Robert and Mary. She moved to Wren, Ohio, and then moved back to Adams County. Artis May was mainly a housewife, and helped on the family farm. She was also a former employee at Adams County Memorial Hospital, General Electric Company, and Bobo School. She lost her son, Robert, when he was only 26, which was very hard on her. She also lived through the Great Depression. She was a wonderful cook and baker, a great role model, and a good Christian lady. She was a member of Mt. Zion United Brethren in Christ Church, Keen Agers of St. Marks, Senior Citizens of Decatur, and Jolly Housewife Home Ec. Club. She also attended Saint Marks United Methodist church for several years. Artis May passed away on February 24, 1994 at age 96 in Adams County at Lakeside Manor Nursing Home in Decatur. She was buried in Decatur Public Cemetery in Decatur, Indiana.

Witte, Joyce. Personal interview. 16 Oct. 2013.

