

Bertha Brandes

March 2, 1915 -- April 16, 2007

Bertha "Bertie" **Brandes**, 92, of Elmore, OH died Monday, April 16, 2007 at Riverview Health Care Campus, Oak Harbor, OH. She was born March 2, 1915 in Toledo, OH a daughter of the late Charles E. & Alice "Ella" (Spiess) Yost. She married George H. **Brandes** on September 9, 1939 and he survives. Mrs. **Brandes** worked for Lawyer Sam Mason and Rueben Realty Co. She taught sixth grade for the former Woodville School District, and retired from Fremont City Schools where she taught special education and was a reading specialist. A graduate of Whittmer High School, Toledo, Mrs. **Brandes** attended Davis Business College, received her Bachelors in Education from Bowling Green State University; Masters in Education from BGSU; and her Masters in Guidance Counseling from the University of Toledo. She was a member St. John United Church of Christ, Elmore where she taught Sunday School, was a leader of the Youth Fellowship, Girl Scout Leader, member of Toledo Art Museum, St. Charles Hospital Guild, Samma Gamma Sorority (an organization of Museum presidents and past-presidents), and was an original study group member in Elmore. Mrs. **Brandes** and her husband traveled extensively through six continents and all 50 states.

She is survived by her husband, George; daughters, Elizabeth "Beth" (John) Pattison of Rockville, MD, Nancy (Jack) Boone of Willits, CA, Brenda (Frank) Blatnik of Powell, OH; grandchildren, Jeff (Linda) Pattison, Dan (Carmel) Pattison, Scott (Michelle) Blatnik, Betsy (Dave Davis) Blatnik; great-grandson, Max Davis. She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Richard "Dick" Yost, Charles "Chuck" Yost; sister, Marjorie "Marge" Hosack.

Memorial services: 11 A.M. Saturday, April 28, 2007 at St. John United Church of Christ, Elmore, OH, with the Rev. Ed Heilman, officiating.

Interment: Union Cemetery, Elmore, OH.

Memorials: St. John United Church of Christ Memorial Fund or the donor's choice.

Arrangements: Crosser Funeral Home, Elmore.

Online condolences: www.crosserfuneralhome.com.

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