

Bertha L. Franks, 87, of Bluffton, died at 6 a.m. Saturday in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. She was a former resident of Geneva. She was born on November 19, 1915 in Adams County, to Jacob J. and Laura Baumgartner Amstutz and married Gilbert Franks on November 25, 1937; he died in 1999.

She was a homemaker who attended the Church of the Nazarene in Geneva.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Mike (Gladys) Ellenberger of Bluffton and Mrs. Marvin (Carol) Macklin of Las Cruces, New Mexico; a brother, Fred Amstutz of Berne; seven grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

A son, two brothers, eight sisters, and a foster brother are deceased.

A memorial service will be conducted at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Yager-Kirchhofer Funeral Home, Berne, with burial in MRE Cemetery, rural Berne. There is no visitation.

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