

Merlie Ellen Rodgers-Bennett, 91, died Saturday at Hartford City Community Care Center. Born in Blackford County, she was a homemaker. Her first husband, Otto Rodgers, died in 1945. Her second husband Noel Bennett, died in 1958. Surviving are a son, Raymond H. Rodgers of Hartford City; five daughters Alice May Phillips of Sebring, Fla., Mildred A. Jones, Elnor A. Bennett and Liz Hughes, all of Hartford City, and Toberta J. Grimes of Muncie; a step-son Hugh Bennett of Hartford City; a step-daughter, Naomi Taylor of Pennville; a sister Maggie Smith of Montpelier; 28 grandchildren; and 15 great grandchildren. Services at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Kepllager Funeral Home, Hartford City. Calling from 3 to 5 and 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesday and beginning at 8 a.m. Wednesday. Burial in Twin Hill Cemetery, Pennville. Memorials to First Church of the Nazarene, Hartford City.

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