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Ida Rose Gerard, 91, of Lehigh Acres, Fla., passed away at 12:01 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 20, 2011.

Ida was born on June 29, 1920 in Wells County to Charles and Mary Blanche (Day) Ifer. She married Charles F. Gerard in Wells County; he preceded her in death in 1997 after more than 60 years of marriage.

Ida was a homemaker and belonged to Busy Bees. She attended Christ United Methodist Church of Lehigh Acres, Fla. Although a resident of Florida, she frequently returned to Wells County to visit family and friends and stayed with her daughter in Fort Wayne.

Surviving relatives include two daughters, Priscilla Hawks of Fort Wayne and Linda (Tom) Schaden of Ossian; four grandchildren, Toby Schaden of Bluffton, Michelle Hullinger of Fort Wayne, Jeff (Kim) Schaden of Bluffton and Ryne Schaden of Warsaw; and five great-grandchildren, Morgan and Max Hullinger of Fort Wayne and Zane, Heidi and Elsie Schaden of Bluffton.

Ida was also preceded in death by one brother, Dale Ifer, and one sister, Norma Harter.

A graveside service will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 24, at I.O.O.F. Cemetery in Pennville, with Mr. Jeff Schaden officiating.

Preferred memorials are to Riley Children's Hospital.

The Thoma/Rich, Chaney and Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton is in charge of arrangements.

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