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**CHARLES F. GERARD**, 80, of Lehigh Acres, Fla., died Sunday at Wells Community Hospital, Bluffton.

The Wells County native retired in 1978 from Franklin Electric Co. after 17 years of service, as owner and operator of Gerard Plumbing & Electric after 60 years, and as a farmer.

Surviving are his wife, Ida Rose; daughters, Priscilla Hawks of Fort Wayne and Linda J. Schaden of Ossian; a brother, Eugene of Keystone; a sister, Margaret Oswalt of Montpelier; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Graveside services are 10 a.m. Wednesday at Pennville IOOF Cemetery, Pennville, with no calling. Arrangements by Elzey & Haggard Funeral Home.

Memorials are to Ossian United Methodist Church.

**Contributed by Jane Edson**