

LENZA M. LEHR

Lenza M. Lehr, age 88, Monroe, died on Sunday, January 30, 2005 at Pleasant View Nursing Home. She was born in Monroe on August 17, 1916, the daughter of Harry C. and Pearl (Benage) Swartz and attended Monroe Schools. Lenza married John A. Lehr on January 30, 1934 at the home of her parents in Monroe. She and John farmed in South Wayne for a few years before moving to rural Monticello and buying their own farm. They moved into Monticello in 1969, when Lenza worked at Dickson's Grocery in Monticello as a clerk until retiring in 1978.

Lenza enjoyed baking cookies, knitting, and playing cards, watching television and loved being with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was a member of the Women of the Moose and bowling leagues in earlier years.

She is survived by her children, Duane (Carla), Fort Walton Beach, FL, Richard (Johnie) on the home farm rural Monticello, and Joann Dearth, Monroe; ten grandchildren, fourteen great-grandchildren, four great-great-grandchildren, her brother, John Swartz, and a sister, Mae Swartz both of Millsap, TX.

She is preceded in death by her parents, daughter, Judith on January 13, 1960, husband John on October 24, 1978, and five sisters, Edna Barnard, Florence Barnes, Vera Ferris, Helen Swann, and Susan Wunschel.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 3, 2005 at Shriner-Hager-Gohlke Funeral Home, 1455 Mansion Drive and 18th Ave, Monroe with Pastor Mary Gafner of Washington Reformation United Church of Christ officiating.