



Ila Belle Ricker

April 17, 1917 - April 16, 2011

BLISSFIELD – Ila Ricker, 93, of Blissfield, passed away peacefully at home Saturday, April 16, 2011. Her loving family, as well as Hospice of Lenawee, surrounded her during her last days.

She was born on April 17, 1917, in Adrian, Michigan, to Linnie and Bessie (McKimmey) Kidd. After graduating from Adrian High School, she married Arthur Ricker on September 16, 1938. He preceded her in death on November 30, 1993.

As a farmer's wife, Ila prepared many delicious homemade meals, and she loved to knit, crochet, fish, golf, work puzzles, and work in her flower garden. She was a member of the Element Church (formerly First United Brethren Church) of Blissfield.

She is survived by three sons, David (Eva) Ricker, Dick (Peggy) Ricker, and Jerry (Gloria) Ricker, all of Blissfield; a daughter, Sue Swietlik, of Northville; 8 grandchildren, Scott, Wendi, Kirk, Chris, and Meagan Ricker, Anissa Snyder, Eric and Jeff Swietlik; 5 great-grandchildren, Areana Rodriguez, Makenna, Sydney, Chloe and Ronin Ricker; and her sister, Catherine Bussing, of Adrian. Besides her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, Edward and Robert Kidd.

Funeral services will be held at 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 19, 2011, at Wagley Funeral Home, Tagsold Chapel in Blissfield with Rev. Keith Smith officiating. Burial will follow at Pleasant View Cemetery. Visitation with the family will be held at the funeral home on Tuesday from 10:00 a.m. until the

service at noon. You may also send condolences to the family at www.wagleyfuneralhome.com. Memorial contributions are suggested to Hospice of Lenawee. Envelopes are available at Wagley Funeral Home, Tagsold Chapel.

Tribute Wall



“ *Ila Belle Ricker*

January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ *Please accept my sincere sympathy in the loss of your mother.##imported-begin##Sue (Reed) Enslin##imported-end##*

April 28, 2011 at 01:22 PM



“ *Ila had the spunk and vitality we all hope to have in our later years. She will be greatly missed.##imported-begin##SUSAN SHARP##imported-end##*

April 20, 2011 at 09:15 AM



“ *We are so sorry to hear of Ila passing. Having been one of her neighbors, I have memories of conversations that we had about flowers, crocheting and the birds we would get at our feeders. We would especially welcome the time for the humming birds to return. This year, when I hang out my humming bird feeder, she will be in my thoughts. May God be with her and your family. Thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Diana and Mark Wetzel##imported-end##*

April 19, 2011 at 04:00 PM



“ *Our deepest condolences to your family.##imported-begin##Bill, Karen and Norma Clement##imported-end##*

April 19, 2011 at 11:27 AM



“ My sincerest heart felt condolences to the Ricker family, Ila was quite a lady! She was my neighbor there on Sherman St many years and many fond memories of her and Art. My husband and I stopped and saw her around Christmas this year and had a very nice visit with her and I am glad for that and will cherish that last memory of spending a little time with her and reminicing. God Bless all of you!
Daphne and Rob Hoffman###imported-begin###Daphne (Vescelius) Hoffman###imported-end##

April 19, 2011 at 09:38 AM



“ Ila may you rest in peace as you are rejoined with Arthur. I have many great memories of the time we spent together. Your strength and wisdom left a positive impression and helped all of us grow into who we are. You will be missed but will always be remembered###imported-begin###David Swietlik###imported-end##

April 19, 2011 at 02:09 AM



“ So sorry to hear of Ila's passing. I remember staying at the farm when I was young. I always had such a wonderful time helping her cook! She & Art even rescued me when my car broke down on the side of the road! My prayers are with you all.###imported-begin###Cathy (Simpson) Whitehead###imported-end##

April 17, 2011 at 09:21 PM



“ As I write this, Janice and I are in Florida at our daughter Anne's. Catherine called us today with the news that Aunt Ila had passed. I know this is going to be very hard for the family as she was a beloved mother and sister, and Aunt. No one that I have known in my lifetime had ever worked harder and remained so bright and optimistic throughout ninety+ years. I have many memories of staying at the farm like the Saturday night bath times and the early morning steak and eggs that she prepared every day for the workers. First time in a chicken coup with my Aunt Ila, feeding the brood. So, I say to God, you are getting the best of the best and please, Ila, say hello to my folks and G'pa/G'ma Kidd. Dick, Jerry, David, Sue, and Catherine love you all - Deek###imported-begin###Dennis Kidd###imported-end###

April 16, 2011 at 11:49 PM