



Ruth V. Sells

February 1, 1908 - January 26, 2009

Ruth V. Sells, a long time resident of Apple Creek, Ohio, died January 26, 2009 at The Care Center of Lutheran Village in Columbus, Ohio, just five days short of her 101st birthday.

Services will be Saturday, 11:00 a.m. at Custer-Glenn Funeral Home, 2284 Benden Dr., Wooster with Rev. Ray L. Pfahler officiating followed by interment at Reedsburg Cemetery in Reedsburg.

Visitation will be Friday, 2-4 & 6-8 p.m. and one hour prior to services on Saturday.

Words of condolences may be shared with the family at: www.custerglenn.com.

Memorial contributions may be made to either the Missionary Fund of the C&MA Church, Walnut and Chestnut St., Orrville, Ohio 44667. or the Apple Creek Volunteer Fire Dept, 3400 South Apple Creek Rd., Apple Creek, Ohio 44606.

Ruth was born at Warsaw, Indiana, February 1, 1908 to Archie and Mary Becker and moved to Wayne County at the age of eight, where she lived most of the remainder of her life. She was a resident of Apple Creek since her marriage to Russell Sells in 1932. He died in 1991.

Ruth received a B.S. degree in education from Ashland University and completed additional studies at the Akron Bible Institute. She was an elementary and junior-high teacher for 36 years, eleven of which were in a one-room school. Following the consolidation of the township schools, she

taught junior-high grades. After retiring from public schools, Ruth assisted for seven years in the organization of the Temple Christian School at Mansfield. This was the Lord's calling, thus was not a monetary service.

She was a member of the Christian & Missionary Alliance Church, the Alliance Women's Missionary Group, the Apple Creek Senior Citizens, and Wayne County Retired Teachers Association. All of her adult life she was active in church work. Ruth served many years as a Wooster Hospital volunteer, twenty-nine years on the Wayne-Stark County Tuberculosis and Health Association as a board member, and seventeen years as a Wayne County Election Board worker.

Ruth is survived by her son, Donald and his wife, Joyce of Galena, Ohio; grandchildren, Rachelle (Michael) Galvin of Fishers, Indiana, Christopher (Katherine)Sells of Lewisville, Texas, Stephanie (Bryan) Spear of Noblesville, Indiana and seven great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, she was also preceded in death by sisters, Ester Sigler, Laura Ferguson; brothers, Arthur, Ray, Joseph, Ansel, Foster, Howard and Kenneth.

Previous Events

Service

JAN 31. 11:00 AM (ET)

Custer-Glenn Funeral Home, Inc.
2284 Benden Dr.
Wooster, OH

Tribute Wall



“ May the Lord's grace and comfort be with each family member during this time. Ruth was a precious lady and personally was a great blessing and help to me as we worked together at Temple Christian School in Mansfield. I look forward to seeing her again in heaven one day.##imported-begin##Don Criss##imported-end##

February 05, 2009 at 07:06 AM



“ Aunt Ruth will be missed as the matriarch of the "Becker" family. I never got the chance to get to know her really well but heard many stories over the years. It is great to read the tributes to her. Sorry we couldn't attend the service, we were in Florida when Aunt Ruth passed away. Our thoughts and prayers are with Don & Joyce and family.##imported-begin##Kathy Banks Robison##imported-end##

February 02, 2009 at 12:15 PM



“ The Members of the Wayne County Retired Teachers' Association would like to extend our sympathy and prayers to the friends and family of Ruth Sells. She was an important part of our organization and will be missed.##imported-begin##Wayne County Retired Teachers' Association##imported-end##

January 29, 2009 at 09:45 PM



“ The Sigler family cannot express their thanks and appreciation to Aunt Ruth for all the guidance and help during Esther's sickness and after her death. During this time Aunt Ruth was a substitute Mother for the family. Marcus###imported-begin###Marcus Sigler###imported-end###

January 29, 2009 at 01:22 PM



“ Wow, what a remarkable life lived. What a testimony to the preserving Grace of God. I remember pretty well Great Aunt Ruth rising to speak at Great Uncle Howard's funeral and quoting Shakespeare ("I want to be used up") to reference a life used with vigor and diligence. Seems like a most appropriate citation for Ruth as well. And perhaps one more: "Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die."###imported-begin###Lyle Becker###imported-end###

January 29, 2009 at 12:20 PM



“ Aunt Ruth was a remarkable and insightful woman. She was someone I could share thoughts and opinions with, even if we didn't always share the same view. She was there to love and mentor in my life, invited me on travels, and I had the privilege of getting to know better her children and grandchildren. One time on one of these trips, I had a case of homesickness and my Dad had some heart problems occurring at that time. She took me in her arms and hugged me as a mother would. I knew everything would be OK. There's too much to share it all. Even in visits at the nursing home, she maintained some very witty and sharp moments, and shared stories of the past. Good by to the sole survivor of ten. God Bless You all.###imported-begin###Vicki Cromley###imported-end###

January 29, 2009 at 11:44 AM



“ I meant to say ,
Celebrate the life and loss of a precious woman to your family. She
is now in Heaven Dancing with the Angels! May you find peace in
knowing this.

The Harrington Family##imported-begin##sharon
harrington##imported-end##

January 29, 2009 at 08:45 AM



“ May God Bless your family as you celebrate the life of Ruth. You
are all in my thoughts and prayers.

Love,
Sharon Harrington##imported-begin##sharon
harrington##imported-end##

January 29, 2009 at 08:43 AM



“ Aunt Ruth will be highly missed by family and friends. But we all
have fond memories of talks with her and times she was help to
those who needed it.##imported-begin##Marcus and Sharleen
Sigler##imported-end##

January 29, 2009 at 08:27 AM



“ Mrs. Ruth Sells was my first and second grade teacher in the one room schoolhouse (the name of the school escapes me.) She taught me discipline the hard way, as I received the rubber hose when the one room schools consolidated into the Wooster Township School. You see, I had received more spankings than any other student in the history of the school . She shaped my life in so many ways and I am truly blessed to have had the privilege to know and love her.

When my wife and I would visit Ohio I would often go by and visit with her in Apple Creek.

To her entire family Diane and I wish to extend our sincere and deepest sympathy. The world is a better place because of her life and her living testimony and heaven has gained another angel.

May God's grace sustain you during this difficult time is our prayer.##imported-begin##Raymond E/ Swartz##imported-end##

January 29, 2009 at 06:32 AM



“ I have many fond memories of playing at The Sells house growing up with their granddaughter Stephanie. Many thoughts and prayers to Stephanie and the rest of the family.##imported-begin##Gena (Vaubel)Musselman##imported-end##

January 28, 2009 at 05:11 PM



“ I remember Mrs. Sells as my 7th grade English teacher at Apple Creek. Although she was my hardest English teacher ever, she was also the best.

After I got married and after my children were in school, I started writing for the Daily Record as Smithville Correspondent, and still write stories for the Wayne County Schools Career Center.

I thank Mrs. Sells for all she taught me, and credit her with my editing and grammar skills, also spelling, which are sadly lacking in the world today.

We lived at the bottom of the hill from her (Roy Lowe was my dad), and once I had a report due, and one of my family members spilled something on it during breakfast. My dad saw Mrs. Sells walking down the hill to school, and went out and asked her if I could turn in the report the following day, after I had recopied it. She said yes. I was so grateful.

I remember a story she told us in class about having a run in her stocking one day, and how her son bought her a needle and thread for her birthday, so she could repair her stockings. That really made an impact on me. It was such a touching story.

Just a few weeks ago, I was again thinking of her, and wishing I could contact her and tell her how much I appreciated her as a teacher. Wish I had had the chance, but I'm glad I can now tell you. You have my sympathy in her loss.##imported-begin##Barbara Lowe Houmard##imported-end##

January 28, 2009 at 03:35 PM