



Mary E. Kappes

November 8, 1919 - March 16, 2008

Mary E. Riggs Kappes, age 88 of Cambridge, Ohio passed away Sunday, March 16, 2008 at The Southeastern Ohio Regional Medical Center. She was born November 8, 1919 in Cambridge, daughter of the late Joseph T. and Nellie Craft Pack.

Mrs. Kappes was a member of Faith United Methodist Church and the Live Wire Sunday School Class. She and her first husband, Vernon W. Riggs, owned and operated Riggs Wallpaper and Paint Store from 1948 to 1971. He died in 1981. She was an employee of J.C. Penny, personnel manager at Salt Fork Lodge and retired from the Guernsey County Library, known for working in the Finley Room. She was well known in the genealogy field. She was a certified genealogist, assisting many in their family search.

She was Past President of Daughters of Union Veterans, Life member of Ladies Auxiliary Military Order of the Purple Heart, Past President of Guernsey County Genealogical Society, Past member of Civil War Roundtable. Pioneer Families of Guernsey County, Kate B. Sherwood Tent #42, Valley Grange 1586, Ohio Genealogical Society, First Families of Guernsey and Belmont counties and Ohio. Mary was honored for her tireless efforts to restore the Civil War Monument at the Guernsey County Courthouse. Soon after the repairs were done, vandals damaged the monuments and she again worked very hard to raise money to have it repaired. She and her first husband initiated the First Families of Guernsey County in 1981.

She married George Kappes in 1989, who passed away in 1999.

She leaves two daughters, Janice Roy George and Judy Sneddon, both of Cambridge; 5 grandchildren, Lori George Tolbert, Susan George, Lisa Hurst, Jennifer George and James George all of Cambridge. 2 great grandsons, Tyler Scott Hurst and Michael Scott George of Cambridge and a niece, Donna Niewinski, of Lutz, FL. She was preceded in death by her infant son, James V. Riggs, in 1944, a grandson, Scott George on 1987, 2 brothers, Alpheus Pack and J. Robert Pack.

She lived a full and wonderful life until she was struck with the dreadful disease of Alzheimer's.

Friends may Call Tuesday from 3 to 7 p.m. at Bundy-Law Funeral Home. The Funeral Service will be held at Bundy-Law Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. with Pastor David Sperry and burial will be in Northwood Cemetery.

Tribute Wall



“ We will always remember Aunt Mary's great sense of humor and her good cooking. We will miss you till we meet again on that day when the Lord calls us all home.##imported-begin##Donna and Robert Niewinski##imported-end##

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“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family for your loss of your mother and grandmother. The memories I have of Aunt Mary are all very special. She was one of a kind. She is in God's hands now where no one's in a hurry, There's no schedule to keep; Aunt Mary is enjoying Jesus, just sitting at his feet. If we could only see what she is seeing now we would never want her to leave. Aunt Mary you will always remain in our hearts. Love Debbie & Troy ##imported-begin##Mr.&Mrs Troy Harris##imported-end##

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“ My condolences go to you for your lost. May you find true comfort from the Hope God gives you. This hope is found at John 6:40 were Jesus said that he will resurrect those who've put faith in him and give them everlasting life. How comforting it is to know that although life now is temporary you have the hope of being with her again when she's ressurected back to life. The blessings from God are so wonderful because they give us a hope soon to come of never worrying about death again, a hope of living forever on a peaceful earth with our loved ones found at Psalms 37:11,29. May you read and reflect on God's promises in the Bible and to see more contact me at
Derektamala@bellsouth.net##imported-begin##Tamala Farmer##imported-end##

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“ Judy, Lisa and family,
I am so sorry for your loss of your Mom and Grandma. May you keep all the many precious memories you have close to your heart and they help you through this most difficult time. My thoughts and prayers will be with you all in the days to come. I will always be here for you.
Love and Prayers,
Connie##imported-begin##Connie Laird##imported-end##

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