

#### **Circleville Herald 1994**

Hazel Blanche Merz, 96, of Circleville died July 29, 1994, at Berger Hospital.

Born Sept. 28, 1897, in Pickaway County, she was the daughter of Andrew and Minnie E. White Bensonhaver, who are deceased along with her husband Clarence Merz in 1946, one daughter, Minnie Ogan, and one brother, Clifford. She was a clerk at Hamilton Hallmark Store for many years, a member of the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church, member of Loyal Daughters Circle of Good Shepherd and former member of the Pythian Sisters.

She is survived by one daughter, Thelma M. "Tillie" Smith of Circleville; three granddaughters, four great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Monday at the Defenbaugh-Wise Funeral home with burial in Hitler with the Revs. McClellan Nicholson and Roland Pekins officiating. Friends may call from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m., Sunday at the funeral home, Following the service, a private interment will be at Hitler-Ludwig Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to Good Shepherd United Methodist Church.