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Charles is survived by his wife, Marilyn Sue Sterk, of Claypool; daughters: Deborah and husband Mark Wise, of Claypool; and Lisa and husband Chad Tucker, of Mentone; a son, Charles Alan and wife Sally Sterk, of King, N.C.; grandchildren: Mariah and husband Matt Roberts, Amanda and husband Cody Hudson, Charles Dean and wife Chrissie Sterk, Charles Matthew Tucker and Bethany and husband Cameron Beron; six great-grandsons: Trevor, Jay, Brayden, Nolan, Garrett and Calvin (CJ); and one great-granddaughter, Baby B, on the way; sisters: Margaret Tromp, Schererville; Bernice and husband Paul Brown, Akron; Wilma Belsan, Brookfield, Ill.; and Cornelia Moore, Akron; brothers, Robert and wife Sharon Sterk, Sevierville, Tenn.; Bert and wife Theresa Sterk, Akron; and Lee and wife Leta Sterk, Rochester.

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Obituaries

Mary Etta Basham

AKRON - Mary Etta Basham, 87, Mishawaka, died at 9:42 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11, 2020, at Signature HealthCare of Bremen.

Mary Etta was born March 14, 1933, in Fulton County, to Paul and Aletha May Clinker Cox.

She was married May 18, 1952, in Fort Smith, Ark., to Lawrence A. "Larry" Basham, who died March 17, 2015.

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Friends and family may gather from 12:30 p.m. to the time of the service at the funeral home.

Private burial took place at the time of her passing in the Akron Cemetery, Akron, next to her husband Larry.

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She was a graduate of Akron High School in 1951. She then was married on May 18, 1952, in Fort Smith, Ark. to Lawrence A. "Larry" Basham, who preceded her in death on March 17, 2015. She and her husband owned and operated South Bend Pools and 3E Electric & Construction for many years.

Mary Etta was a lifetime member and past president of the National Home Build-



ers Association. She was an avid Notre Dame Fighting Irish fan. Mary Etta is survived by her daughter Cindy and husband Richard Osborn of Mishawaka, and grandsons Blaine Osborn of Seattle, Wash., and Neil and wife Mackenzie Osborn, Cliffside Park, N.J.

Also surviving are sisters Helen Cox, Wabash, Pauline and husband Ron Meyer, North Manchester, Wilowdean and husband James Zolman, Columbia City, Patsy and husband James Carpenter, Rochester, Jean Kerby, Greentown, and Jane and husband Wayne Spratt, Silver Lake.

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