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Rites set for Mary L. Wells

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Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. Martin Gruneich, pastor of the Ewart United Presbyterian Church, officiating. Burial will be at Hazelwood Cemetery.

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Should friends desire, memorials in Mrs. Wells' name may be made to St. Francis Manor.

The daughter of Ira C. and Ella Taylor Beeler, she was

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born Nov. 22, 1896, in the Blue Point community. She attended rural school near her home. On Dec. 22, 1915, she was married to Frank Wells at her parents' farm home. The couple had three children.

Mr. and Mrs. Wells farmed near the Ewart and Montezuma communities all their lives. They had recently celebrated their 60th anniversary. Mrs. Wells attended the Lower Blue Point Church and was a member of the church's ladies aid.

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