

4 **VERNA NAOMI WALTER** (Elmer)

The daughter of Herman and Susan Smith Mercer, Verna was born Oct. 22, 1893 near Deep River. She was reared on the family farm near Victor and graduated from Victor High School in 1912.

On April 19, 1916 she was married to Elmer E. Walter at her parent's farm home. The couple farmed near Deep River and she taught in rural school. She was a supporter of the Guernsey United Methodist Church and she was the last charter member of the Busy Bee Club in the Deep River area.

She is survived by her children, Margaret Barnes of Montezuma, Irene Huffman of Keswick, Robert Walter of Deep River, and Verna Belle Riis of Dahinda, Ill.; ten grandchildren; 19 great grandchildren; six great great grandchildren; and one sister, Lea Punke of Marengo.

BC 11 Verna died Nov. 21, at Brookhaven Nursing Home in Brooklyn. She was 99 years of age, and was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; three sisters, Lucy Yeager, Mary Bird, Elda LeBeau, and three brothers, Nate Mercer, Ellis Mercer, and John Mercer.

The funeral was Nov. 23, at McAninch-Fremming Funeral Home, Victor. Officiating was the Rev. James F. Schutter, pastor of the United Methodist Church, Guernsey.

Organist was Jean Fontinel, and vocalist was Sue Kluber who sang "In the Garden" and "Lord, I am Coming Home".

Casket bearers were: Walter Barnes, Lynn Scott, Maynard Huffman, Ben Walter, Bill Walter, and Gary Walter. Interment was at Memorial Cemetery, Victor.