Velma M. Leese

Needmore, 80

Velma M. Leese, 80, Needmore, died, Wednesday, June 22, 2011, at her residence.

She was born in Needmore, on January 18, 1931, the daughter of the late Webster A. and Ethel (Mellott) Mellott. She was the widow of Vernon B. Leese, whom she married on July 28, 1948. He preceded her in death on May 1, 2006.

She was a member of Pleasant Ridge Church of the Brethren, Needmore.

She worked as a housewife, farmer, sale clerk and a quilter. She was also a member of the Fulton County Quilt Club. She loved hunting, gardening and spending time with her family.

She is survived by eight children: Ricky A. Leese, husband of Marji, of Needmore; Vernon "Gene" Leese, husband of Barb, of McConnellsburg; Judith L. Schriver, wife of Marlin, of Harrisonville; Daniel M. Leese of China and Jeanne Marie Leese of York; Loren R. Leese, husband of Deb, of McConnellsburg; Wendell K. Leese of Martinsburg, W.Va.; Charles W. Leese, husband of Teresa, of Needmore; and son Joseph S. Leese of Needmore; 18 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Lorna Gailey, and a step-great-grandson.

Funeral services were held at Pleasant Ridge Church of the Brethren, Needmore, at 2 p.m. on Sunday, June 26, with Rev. Roger Truax and Pastor Mac Miller officiating.