

(Columbus Telegram July 16, 2001)

In Memory of

Marie Hellbusch

Columbus - - Marie M. Hellbusch, 84, of Vista, California, formerly of Columbus, died Wednesday, July 11, 2001 at her home.

Services are 10 a.m. Monday at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Columbus, with the Revs. Richard Bringewatt and Roland A. Jank officiating. Burial is at Peace Lutheran Cemetery in rural Belgrade.

Visitation is 3-8 p.m. today at Gass Haney Funeral Home in Columbus and continues Monday at the church from 9-10 a.m., with a 9:45 a.m. family prayer service.

Mrs. Hellbusch was born June 15, 1917 in Timber Creek to Henry Frederick and Anna Elizabeth (Oltmanns) Badje. She attended Timber Creek Elementary School and graduated from Fullerton High School in 1934.

She married Herman Hellbusch on January 21, 1937 in Grand Island. They lived and farmed in the Belgrade and Timber Creek area and were members of the Peace Lutheran Church in Timber Creek for many years. She served as a church organist and was a member of the Peace Lutheran Ladies Aid and the Timber Creek Home Extension Club.

In February 1958, they moved to Columbus where she was employed as a bookkeeper. She worked for Production Credit Association for many years, retiring in 1979. She then worked part time at Columbus Bank as a teller.

She was a member of the church and was involved in many church Bible studies. She enjoyed crocheting and sewing, and had lived with her son in California since 1999.

Survivors include two sons, Gary (Lyn) Hellbusch of Columbus and Ronald "Bud" (Silvija) Hellbusch of Vista, Calif; one daughter, JoAnn (Bob Sherbo 9f Springfield, Mo.; 13 grandchildren; and 24 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; one son, Don Hellbusch; three brothers, John Badje, Fred Badje and Peter Badje; two sisters, Ann Badje and Freda Hellbusch; and one grandson.

Memorials may be directed to Lutheran Hour, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Alzheimer's Foundation or Peace Lutheran Cemetery.

Condolences may be sent to family at www.gasshaney.com.