



Jean Beer

January 17, 2006

Jean BEER, Age 87, of Hamilton passed away on Tuesday, January 17, 2006 at Westover Retirement Community. She was born on November 14, 1918 in Hamilton, the daughter of Robert and Margaret (Dillon) Spoerl. She attended Hamilton City Schools and graduated from Hamilton High School in 1937. Jean also attended Ohio University because her father insisted she go for at least one year. On February 18, 1939 in Covington, Kentucky, she married Louis Beer. They celebrated 63 years of marriage before his passing in August 2002. When her husband joined the Marines during World War II, she followed him to North Carolina for his basic training and moved with him to Camp Miramar in San Diego. While there she worked in an aircraft factory and their first daughter, Karen, was born. Jean returned to Hamilton with their daughter when Lou was shipped overseas. In Hamilton, she helped the war effort by serving as an air raid warden. While mainly a homemaker, Jean did work at Spoerl's Hardware, the family business, when needed. She also volunteered at the gift shop of Hughes Memorial Hospital, Hamilton for several years. Throughout her life, she loved the companionship of animals and always had a pet dog along with a variety of other animals. She passed this love of pets to her daughters and grandchildren. Jean spent many happy hours reading, spending time with family and friends, and taking walks with her husband and their dog. She also enjoyed vacationing, especially in Florida and Michigan, for many years with family and friends. Jean and Lou were members of the Hamilton Boat Club and the Elks for many years. They

remained avid boaters for thirty years and also enjoyed bowling in the Elks league. She is survived by her two daughters, Karen Clark and Dianne Macko and her husband Milo, all of Hamilton; grandchildren, Donna Mainous of Lee's Summit, Missouri and Andrew Clark and his wife Becky of Hamilton; two great grandsons, Spencer Mainous of Lee's Summit and Drew Clark of Hamilton; one sister, Nancy Heberer and husband Norm of Martinez, Georgia; several sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law; nieces, nephews and her faithful dog, Ginger. She is also survived by two life long friends, Doris DuVall and Clare Piggott Clark, as well as her faithful friend and house keeper, Jay Taylor. She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, and one brother, John. The family wishes to express their appreciation to Westover Retirement Community and Vitas Hospice for their loving care and concern. Private funeral services will be held at the convenience of the family with Chaplain Larry Davis officiating. Interment will be in Rose Hill Mausoleum. In lieu of flowers remembrances may be made to Animal Friends Humane Society, 5225 Trenton Road, Trenton, Ohio 45067; the American Cancer Society, Butler County, P.O. Box 13063, Hamilton, Ohio 45013; or the National Wildlife Federation, 310 Tyson Dr., Winchester, Virginia 22603. Weigel Funeral Home is serving the family.