

Blanche Bertha Brade, 100, resident of Kinde, passed away Thursday, April 26, 2012, at Courtney Manor Nursing Home in Bad Axe.

She was born Sept. 7, 1911, in Deinze, Belgium, to the late Achilles and Marie (Dobbelaere) Van Hautte. She came to the United States at 6 months of age and grew up in Saginaw.

Blanche Van Hautte was united in marriage to Otto Brade on Feb. 14, 1931, in Saginaw. He preceded her in death Aug. 5, 1984.

She was a graduate of Arthur Hill High School. She worked for a bakery in Saginaw packing cookies. After Otto and Blanche moved to Kinde, she worked with Otto in the family business they started in the late 1930s. After Otto's death, she continued working as office manager until 2008. She was a past president of the Kinde High School PTA, a member of the Kinde Child Study Club, member of a Huron County area schools study and a member of the Kinde Corners Extension Club. Blanche was a member of St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kinde, a member of the Ladies Aid, where she was an avid quilter for Lutheran World Relief and the Lutheran Ladies Auxiliary. As a devout Christian, she served as a member and an officer of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League and was Zone President of LWML for several terms and supported various local international Bible programs until her death. She loved and grew flowers, loved to read, and loved a challenging game of Scrabble. Blessed with a sharp mind, she kept track of everyone in her family, remembering birthdays and other landmarks.

Blanche is survived by Virginia (Walter) Strucinski of Broadway, N.C., Donald (Sally) Brade of Kinde, Joyce (Marvin) Koglin of Port Hope, Judith (Kenneth) Nolen of Tucson, Ariz., and son in-law Dr. Don D. Bunt of Orland Park, Ill.; her grandchildren, Anne (Brian) Wiengartz, Lynn (Todd) Streeter, Bruce Brade, Kathy Brade (Mark) Smith, Carolyn Brade, Richard Brade, Cheryl Doane, Don R. (Doreen) Bunt, Noel (Dave) Anderson, Karen (Jeff) Kreh, Marvin M. (Vicki) Koglin, Julie (Dean) Kreh, David (Lisa) Koglin, Daniel (Angela) Koglin, Brenda (John) Richardson, Christopher Nolen, Michael Nolen, Peter (Shannon) Nolen; 30 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

Blanche was preceded in death by a daughter, Dr. Marilyn Miller Bunt; her stepfather, Jerry Van DeCappelle; daughter in-law, Martha Brade; son-in-law Dr. James Miller; sister, Adrienne Mary Sumera (Van Hautte); brother, Robert Van Hautte.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Monday, April 30, 2012, at St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church on Dwight Street in Kinde.

Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. on Sunday, April 29, 2012, at the MacAlpine-Gage Chapel in Kinde.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be offered to St. Peter's Lutheran Church, The American Bible Society or The Salvation Army.