

From the Thursday, December 17, 1992 edition of the Kankakee Journal: BONFIELD -

Lela M. Walthers, 65, of Bonfield, died Wednesday (Dec. 16, 1992) at Riverside Medical Center. Visitation will be from 3 to 7 p.m. Friday at Hertz-Thoma Chapel. Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the chapel with Rev. Raymond Bassett officiating. Burial will be in Bonfield Cemetery. Memorials may be made in her name to the donor's choice. Mrs. Walthers was born May 10, 1927 in rural Cabery, the daughter of Ulysses and Edna Murphy Curwick. She married Charles Walthers Sept. 28, 1946 in Kankakee. He survives. Also surviving are a son, Terry Walthers of Clifton; three daughters and sons-in-law, Carol and John McMillan of Paxton, Barbara and William Stearns Jr. of Clifton and Lisa and Russel Gaddis of Thorp, Wis.; seven sisters, Lavona Brinkman and Carol Ginger, both of Bradley, Shirley Patchett and Mabel VanGilder, both of Kankakee, Florence Banks of Godley and Mary Bowen and Betty Hardy, both of Phoenix, Ariz.; 11 grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Preceding her in death were three brothers and an infant son. She attended the Bonfield United Methodist Church and was a charter member of the Bonfield Lioness Club. She enjoyed gardening and raising flowers.

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She is also survived by two brothers, Paul and Delbert Curwick, both of Kankakee.