

# LOOKING BACK

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### **Mrs. George Yager, pioneer resident passes May 1 May 8, 1963 State Center Enterprise**

Mrs. George Yager, 79, a lifelong resident of this community, passed away Wednesday afternoon, May 1st at the Pleasant View Nursing Home where she had been a patient for three years.

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at two o'clock from the Methodist Church with the Rev. William Baddeley officiating. Burial was in Hillside cemetery.

Pallbearers were F.C. Brown, Ernest Braddy, John Glessner, Carl Foote, L.C. Frohwein and Kenneth Lively.

Mrs. Yager was born Stella Bence on April 21, 1884, near State Center, the daughter of Lewis and Ella Shearer Bence. She grew up in this area and was educated in the State Center schools.

She was united in marriage to George Yager on June 7, 1905 at State Center and the couple farmed until retiring in 1937 and moving to town.

She was a member of the Methodist Church and Cleo chapter, No. 303, Order of Eastern Star.

She is survived by a son, John of Gary, Ind.; two brothers, Harley Bence of Marshalltown, and Lewis Bence of Lima, Ohio; a sister, Mrs. Hal Wilson of Independence, Mo. Also surviving are a niece and nephew whom she reared, Mrs. Richard Fromm of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho and Floyd Clark of Cedar Rapids; six grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband and one son and three sisters. (Shirley's note: The Yager's lived on the Gutekunst farm south east of the Lincoln Valley Golf Course during their farming days. Dad Clark told me different times of the farming of the Golf Course land. There was a corn-husking contest held there one year.)