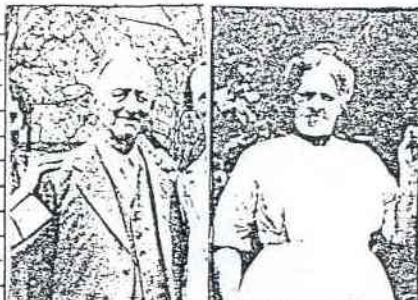


**HUSBAND** BARTH Jacob Augusta  
 Birth 14 Jan 1863  
 Place Philadelphia, Philadelphia Pennsylvania  
 Chr.  
 Married 1 Sep 1885  
 Place  
 Death 31 Mar 1948 Nappanee, Elkart, Indiana  
 Burial 3 Apr 1948 Marseilles, LaSalle, Illinois  
 Father BARTH William  
 Mother\* MAHLER Frederica  
 Other Wives (if any)



**WIFE** WALKER Annie  
 Birth 30 Sep 1865  
 Place Holt, Ontario, Canada  
 Chr.  
 Death 20 Dec 1927 Marseilles, LaSalle, Illinois  
 Burial 23 Dec 1927 Marseilles, LaSalle, Illinois  
 Father WALKER George  
 Mother\*  
 Other Husb (if any)  
 Where was information obtained?

\*List complete maiden name for all females.

**1st Child** BARTH Frances  
 Birth 21 Jun 1886  
 Place Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio  
 Married to MAHER Tom  
 Married 21 Jun 1909  
 Died: 22 Jun 1960 Sioux Falls, So. Dakota  
 Buried: 25 Jun 1960 Sioux Falls, So. Dakota



**6th Child** BARTH William George  
 Birth 7 May 1895  
 Place Chicago, Cook, Illinois  
 Married to FAY Florence Louise  
 Married 1916 Chicago, Cook, Illinois  
 Died: 12 Jan 1974 Gainesville, Florida  
 Buried: Englewood, Florida

**2nd Child** BARTH Emma  
 Birth 26 May 1888  
 Place Grand Rapids, Kent, Michigan  
 Married to RASMUSSEN Chris  
 Married  
 Died: 24 Jan 1966 Elkart, Elkart, Indiana  
 Buried: 26 Jan 1966 Nappanee, Elkart, Indiana



**7th Child** BARTH Louella Elizabeth  
 Birth 30 Aug 1897  
 Place Chicago, Cook, Illinois  
 Married to CUNICO Christopher Modesto  
 Married 1 Mar 1919  
 Died: 24 Dec 1972 Ottawa, Illinois  
 Buried: 26 Dec 1972 Marseilles, LaSalle, Ill

**3rd Child** BARTH Christiana E  
 Birth 29 Sep 1889  
 Place Grand Rapids, Kent, Michigan  
 Married to WALTERS Chester A.  
 Married 8 Aug 1911 Chicago, Cook, Illinois  
 Died: 13 Aug 1970 Elkart, Elkart, Indiana  
 Buried: Nappanee, Elkart, Indiana



**8th Child** BARTH Charles A  
 Birth 16 Oct 1898  
 Place  
 Married to ZETLITZ Grace Hannah  
 Married  
 Died: 19 Apr 1959 Siesta Key, Florida  
 Buried: 21 Apr 1959 Sarasota, Florida

**4th Child** BARTH Alice  
 Birth 22 Mar 1891  
 Place Grand Rapids, Kent, Michigan  
 Married to  
 Married  
 Died: 5 May 1971 Marseilles, LaSalle, Ill  
 Buried: 5 May 1971 Marseilles, LaSalle, Ill



**9th Child** BARTH Mary  
 Birth  
 Place  
 Married to TABBERT Francis Virgil  
 Married

**5th Child** BARTH Hazel  
 Birth 26 Jun 1892  
 Place Grand Rapids, Kent, Michigan  
 Married to  
 Married She Died at Age 14 3 Jun 1906  
 Place Marseilles, LaSalle, Illinois

Left to Right  
 Chick, Grace, Louella,  
 Alice, Jacob Barth,  
 Terie, Emma, Florence,  
 William



FAMILY PORTRAIT

## HISTORY OF

### LOUELLA ELIZABETH BARTH

Louella Elizabeth Barth was born August 30, 1897 in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois. Louella is the seventh child of Jacob Augusta and Annie Walker Barth. There are 9 children in the family, 7 girls and 2 boys.



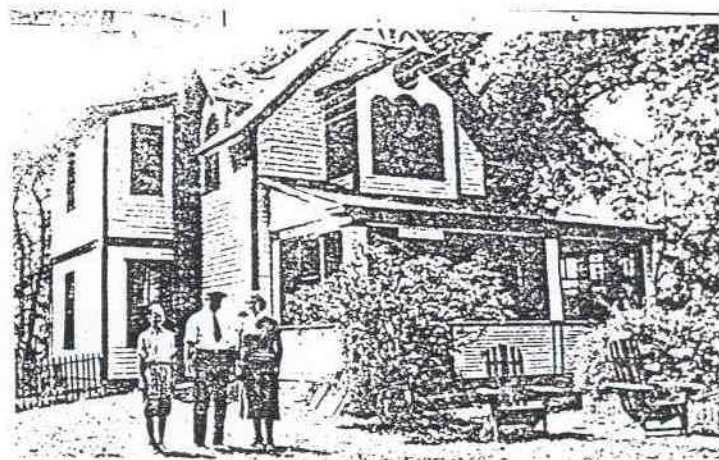
At the age of 5 years, Louella moved from Chicago to Marseilles, Illinois. Her father had been transferred to the National Biscuit Company there. They first had a home in the east end of town on Lincoln Street. There they had a garden, chickens and a grape arbor. Their family was very religious. Her father, Jacob would preach at many churches of different faiths. You could see him in his horse and buggy on Sundays headed for one church or another. When out in the country he had to wait often at the covered bridges for another horse and buggy to come thru as the bridges were wide enough for only one buggy. It was a family custom to read the Bible every night and say grace at every meal.

Louella's older brother, Bill was a quiet boy and very handsome. Her younger brother Charles, called Chick was a holy terror.

Sister Hazel died in 1906. Shortly after Hazel died Chick set fire to the closet that had all her clothes in it. Hazel and Alice were very close and when Hazel died Alice became withdrawn and it took her some time to get over it.

Emma and Christine paired off and were good friends. Frances being the oldest was kind of ahead of the game. She was a very attractive and happy person. She was the belle of the ball.

Then there was Mary, who rebelled. She called herself the black sheep of the family. She didn't conform to the strict way her mother wanted her to be raised.



In 1915, Jacob Barth bought the house at 815 Union Street from an estate. The people involved were: William and Elmira Naughton, Frank and Flora Covell, Frank G. and Mable Covell, Lear and Goldie Gonigan and Joseph and Sarah Copp. He paid \$1000.00 for it.

Louella went into nurses training in 1917. She only got the basics as she couldn't handle the sight of blood. But her basic training helped her many ways thru her life.

Some of the people she helped out thru the years you may remember: Old Mr. Haynes, Mable Trager, Cle Lady Foster, John Buchanan and Mr. and Mrs. Smothers.

One of the stories she told about was John Buchanan who was a BIG man. Louella was taking care of him when he died. The undertaker came to get the body and put it into a sack as was the custom at that time. As they were taking John out to the hearse the bag broke and John fell on the ground. She said it was sad but funny too.



Mary Barth, Louella's younger sister was dating Christopher Cunico. One day Mary introduced Louella to Chris. Bells rang, arrows flew, whistles blew, birds sang, Chris and Lou were in LOVE. They were married March 1, 1919.

**MARRIAGE LICENSE**  
THE PEOPLE OF THE  
STATE OF ILLINOIS, COUNTY OF LA SALLE

On any person legally authorized to solemnize Marriage Ceremonies  
Marriage may be celebrated

Between Mr. CHRISTOPHER FREDERICK CUNICO of DAVENPORT  
in the County of SCOTT and State of IOWA  
of the age of 24 years and Miss LUELLA ELIZABETH BARTH  
of MARSEILLES in the County of LA SALLE and State of  
ILLINOIS of the age of 21 years

Witness Thomas A. Ferguson County Clerk and the said said County  
at his Office in Ottawa in said County this 1st day of MARCH A. D. 1919  
Thomas A. Ferguson County Clerk

State of Illinois Rev. Roy Basfield a Minister of the Gospel  
LA SALLE COUNTY, ILL. do hereby certify that Mr. Christopher Frederick Cunico and  
Miss Luella Elizabeth Barth were united in Marriage by me at Marseilles  
in the County of La Salle and State of Illinois on the 1st day of March A. D. 1919  
Rev. Roy Basfield  
Minister of the Gospel.

It is the duty of the person celebrating the Marriage to fill out and sign the above Certificate and return the same, together with the License to the County Clerk within thirty days after the Marriage is solemnized. ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS PENALTY FOR FAILING SO TO DO.

Jakin & Louella  
Walters



Chris and Louella's first home was in Davenport, Iowa. Louella was so home sick they moved to Marseilles, Illinois the fall of 1919. They bought a home next door to her parents, which had been a store, at 795 Union Street. They paid \$1500 for it. It was a two-story rectangle building with high ceilings. The first floor had a kitchen with a coal and wood burning stove. It also had a pantry that had cupboards and a gas range. The big living room had a heatalator stove in the middle of the room. The parlor had to be turned into a bedroom. A steep stairway led to two more bedrooms upstairs. For a short time they had outside plumbing.

After marrying Chris, Louella became pregnant right away. Her first son was born December 24, 1919. He was named Charles Christopher Cunico.

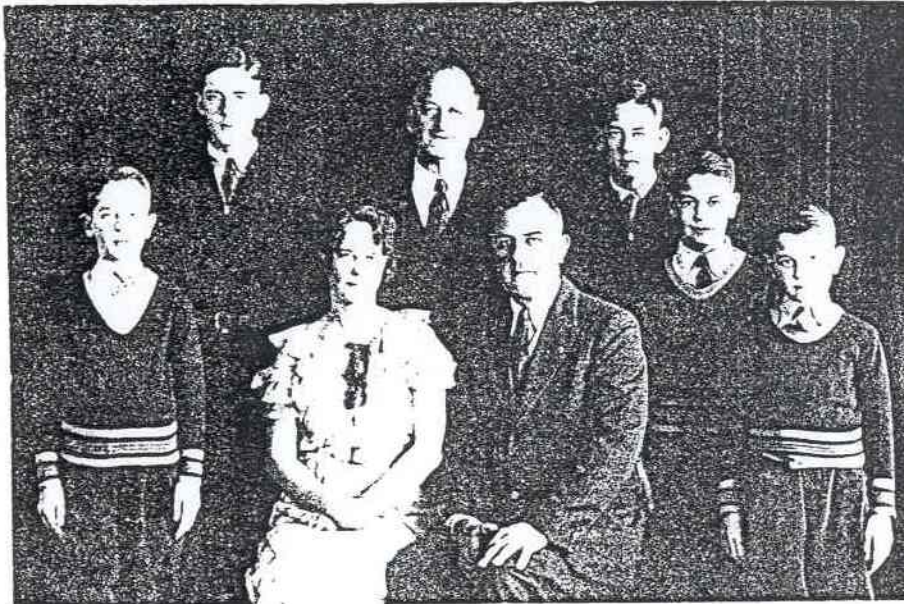
Louella was a tall thin woman and when she was pregnant she carried large babies. She said she was so big she packed her stomach around on a wheel barrow.

A second son, William Barth Cunico was born October 10, 1921. Along came another son, Thomas LaVerne Cunico born 6 July 1925. By now you would think she would have wanted a girl - but NO! All she wanted were boys. She didn't especially care for girls. When her boys were married she couldn't accept her daughters-in-law. Robert Walter Cunico was born to Chris and Louella July 25 1926 and last but certainly not the very least another boy Barth Phillip Cunico born 6 January 1928.

Louella and her mother were very close. When Chris would bring his pay check home her mother, Annie and she would sit down and figure out what to spend the money on that week. Annie and Louella had a signal if Louella needed help. Louella would just hang a white towel in the window and Annie would come over to help.

Annie must have been the matriarch of the clan - anyway of Louella. Annie had control up until she died on December 20, 1927 of Apoplexy (stroke). She was burried in the Riverview Cemetery in Marseilles, Illinois on 23 December 1927.

The early part of 1928 right after Louella's last son Barth was born the family moved into the Barth home to take care of Louella's father, Jacob. Grandpa Barth bought cars for Chris and Louella on the condition they would take him any place he wanted to go, when he wanted to go.



Because of Health reasons Louella didn't have anymore children. Chris, her sister Alice who was a nurse and the doctor helped Louella in her decision. It was too dangerous for her to have more children, so she had her tubes tied.

Louella had nervous spells and couldn't do much housework. Most of her child bearing years she would sit and crochet bed spreads, table cloths, and baby clothes.

When Barthie was about five years old Louella had a nervous break down and Barthie was sent to live with Louella's sister, Frances in South Dakota. The other boys were in school so Chris could manage them without much trouble at night.

Mary, Christiana and Emma would give Lou a call and off she would go to Nappanee, Mobile, Elkhart or Florida. She was there to use her nursing skills. Chris and the boys would manage very nicely while she was gone. Chris was use to cooking, ironing, washing and the boys cleaning the house. The boys really liked the way their Dad cooked (well, most of the time). By her own admission she hated housework with a passion and if she could she would get out of it, and most of the time she did.



She loved to entertain her sisters. When they would come to visit she'd take them up to Seneca to a fortune teller and have their fortunes told. Sometimes they would go to one of the bingo games around the county. Louella could play ten to fifteen cards at one time. She sent to Sears and Roebuck and Company for fortune telling cards. They were called tarots. Then she would gather up her sisters and tell all their fortunes. All the kids liked their aunts to visit. The food was always special and Aunt Alice gave them money, the other aunts would bring gifts and treats.

The kids would play cards with Aunt Alice. They would play war. Aunt Alice would let them win so they could get some money. One time she took the kids to Gould Park in Morris, Illinois swimming. A big chandler hung over the dining room table where the adults would play poker all night.

In 1942, Louella went to work for DuPont in Seneca, Illinois. She worked in the office of the Outfitting department. Louella felt she should do something to help out the war effort.

## People You Should Know

Louella Cunico was leading a peaceful life, keeping house for her husband and son in Marseilles. However, she was dissatisfied, because four of her sons were in the service and Louella felt she must do something to "help out". Consequently, she started working in the Field Office of the Outfitting Department - that was two years ago and she is still there working hard. Along with her daily work at the shipyard, Louella keeps up her ten room house, writes to all her boys, and plays an active part in her church's activities.



Louella "Doing Her Share"

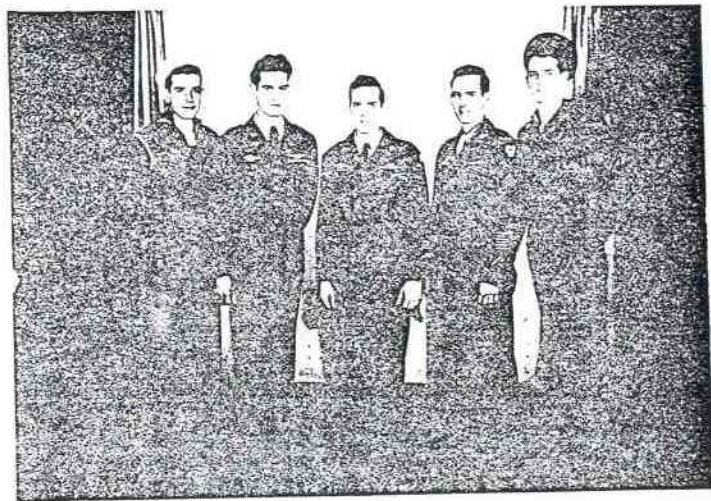
She is justly proud of her boys (all over six feet tall) for they have all made fine records. Only one son followed in the foot steps of his father who was a Seaman Gunner in World War I, the others chose the Army. Barth, who is working in the I.N.R. Beatty Lumber Company with his father, has tried many times to get into the service, but to date is still working on the home front. S/Sgt. Charles has been overseas two years and has been awarded two bronze

stars and a Presidential Citation. Sgt. William, has been overseas two and a half years and has received three bronze stars, a Presidential Citation, and the Oak Leaf. A/C Thomas has been in the service for one year and is now awaiting orders in Texas. Robert, S 1/c has been in the Pacific for one year.

Louella is the pride of her fellow employees and is greatly admired for her seemingly untiring efforts.



Louella and Chris had all five boys in the service of their country.

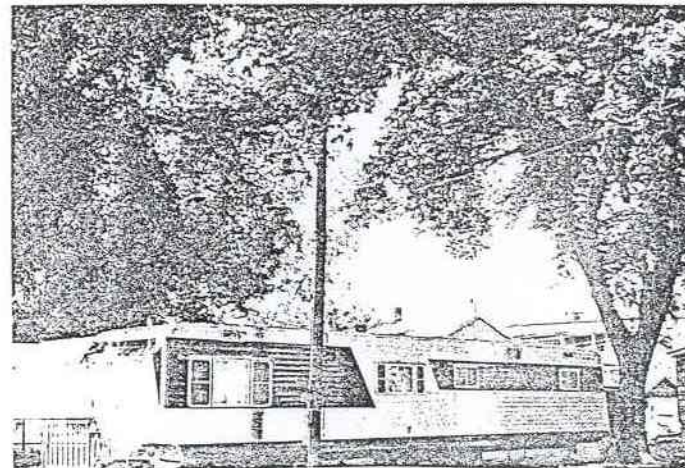


Jacob A. Barth sold the home at 815 Union Street to Chris and Louella on the 27 November 1943. The boys in the service sent money home to help pay for the house. The cost of the house was \$3000.

After the war was over, Louella went to work for a grocery store in downtown Marseilles by the name of Morello and Gaudi. Raleigh Price bought the grocery store around the corner from their home so Louella left Morello and Gaudi and went to work for Raleigh.

In the fall of 1961 she was having dizzy spells at work. After being checked by a doctor Louella was told she was a diabetic. She quit working at the grocery store and decided to stay at home.

Chris and Louella sold the home at 815 Union Street to Barth and Elsie Cunico, their youngest son and his wife. They bought a trailer home and put it on the vacant lot next to the Barth home.



Louella's husband, Chris died quite suddenly at their home at the age of 67, on May 17, 1962. Christopher Frederick Cunico died of an apparent heart attack. On May 20 1962 Chris was honored with a complete military funeral.

Pallbearers were his five sons, Charles, William, Thomas, Robert and Barth and William Elue a friend.

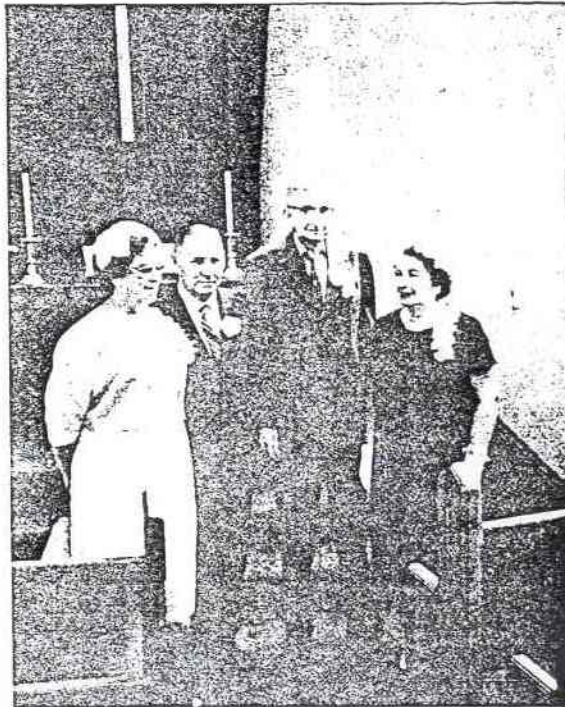
At the time of Chris's death he had sixteen grandchildren. Two of his sisters, Mrs. Arthur (Mary) Mairret of Davenport, Iowa and Mrs. Frank (Ellen) Ghellar of Besemer, Michigan attended his funeral. He was burried in the Riverview Cemetery in Marseilles, Illinois.



Louella started dating a life long friend, Herman Wallace. Herman lived in Seneca, Illinois and was a good friend to Louella and Chris.

Louella and Herman were married in Marseilles by Reverend Howard J. Preston of the First Congregational Church on 2 May 1964.

Louella and Herman moved to Herman's home in Seneca. Herman was a very quiet and likeable person.



**MARRIAGE LICENSE**  
 PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS  
 LA SALLE COUNTY  
 I, the undersigned, a Person legally authorized to solemnize Marriage  
**G. R. E. T. I. N. G.**  
 MARRIAGE MAY BE CELEBRATED

Between Mr. Herman J. Wallace of Seneca  
 in the County of LaSalle and State of Illinois  
 of the age of 69 years and Mrs. Louella B. Cunico  
 of Marseilles in the County of LaSalle and State of  
Illinois of the age of 66 years

Witness George L. Hunter, County Clerk  
 and the seal of said County at his Office in Ottawa, in said County  
 this 27th day of April, A.D. 1964

By George L. Hunter County Clerk

State of Illinois } ss. I, the Reverend Howard J. Preston  
 LA SALLE COUNTY } Minister of The Gospel of Jesus Christ, and Pastor, hereby  
 certify that Mr. Herman J. Wallace and  
 Mrs. Louella Barth Cunico were united in Marriage by me at  
First Congregational Church of Marseilles, in the County of La Salle,  
 and State of Illinois on the second day of May, A.D. 1964

THIS LICENSE SHALL BE VOID UNLESS  
 MARRIAGE IS SOLEMNIZED WITHIN  
 30 DAYS OF THE DATE HEREOF

Howard J. Preston  
 Reverend Howard J. Preston, Pastor, the First  
 Congregational Church of Marseilles, Marseilles, Illinois

Johnny and Bernice Wilson (Right in the picture) were good friends. They stood up with Herman and Louella on their wedding day. They often took trips together. One of their favorite trips was to Arkansas to the Hot Pots, where they soaked in the hot water. Johnny and Bernice were close by whenever Herman and Louella needed them, as were Herman's family.

After a few years of marriage Louella left Herman and moved in with her sister, Mary Barth Tabbert in Inverness, Florida. Herman divorced her on 22 December, 1969.

Living with Mary was a ball. They played Bingo, went fishing, to the dog races, to the horse races, swimming and a trip to the Caribbean. Louella, Mary and Mary's daughter Shirley had a great time in the Caribbean.

After frolicking thru Florida she became ill and since Mary didn't want the responsibility any more she brought her back to Marseilles in the late fall of 1972.



Louella entered the Pleasant View Lutheran Nursing Home in November of 1972. She was taken to the hospital many times in the next month.

Louella Elizabeth Barth Cunico Wallace died at the Ryburn - King Hospital on December 24, 1972 of Respiratory Arrest, Pulmonary Edema, Myocardial Failure. Louella was buried at the Riverview Cemetery in Marseilles, Illinois on December 26, 1972, she was 75.

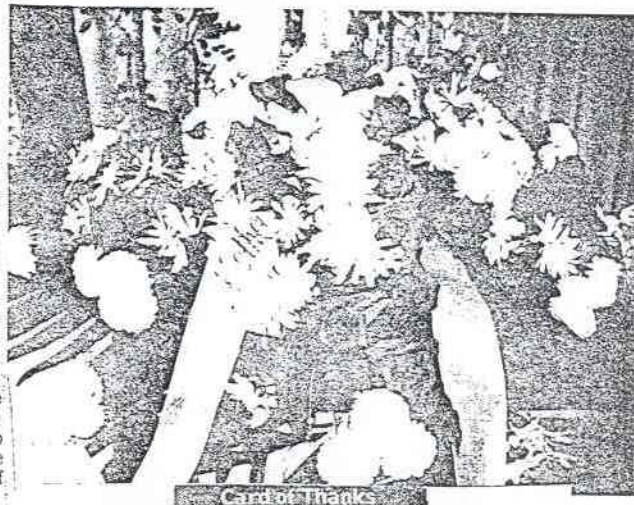
### *Mrs. L. Wallace*

MARSEILLES — Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. today at Seals-Campbell Chapel for Mrs. Louella Barth Cunico Wallace, 75. The Rev. Lorin Harrison of the Congregational Church officiated and interment was in Riverview Cemetery. Memorials to Pleasant View Luther Home are the preferred forms of remembrance.

Mrs. Wallace was a resident of Pleasant View Luther Home and died in Ottawa Community Hospital at 1:35 a.m. Sunday.

She was born in Chicago Aug. 30, 1897 to Jacob and Annie Walker Barth and in 1919 married Christopher Cunico who died in 1962. Later she married Herman Wallace of Seneca who survives.

Other survivors are five sons, Charles Cunico of Orem, Utah, William of Ottawa, Thomas of Marseilles, Robert of Marseilles and Barth of Marseilles; 17 grandchildren, five great-grandchildren; a brother, William Barth of Venice, Fla., two sisters, Mrs. Frances Maher of Sioux Falls, S.D. and Mrs. Mary Tabbert of Inverness, Fla.



### The Family of The Late **LOUELLA CUNICO WALLACE**

wish to thank relatives, friends and neighbors for food, flowers, cards, memorials to Pleasant View Luther Home and other acts of kindness.

A special thanks to the staff at Pleasant View Luther Home, staff of first floor and intensive care unit at Community Hospital, Rev. Henry Peterson, Rev. Lorin Harrison, Dr. H. K. Sutton, Disabled American Vets, Chapter 58 and Libbey-Owens-Ford.

Sons: Charles, William,  
Thomas, Robert, Barth Cunico  
and Families.