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Mary Elizabeth (Stewart) Robbins was born at Bakers Corner Aug. 16, 1907 to Archie and Minnie (Hodson) Wilson. She has lived all her 80 years in or within about six miles of the Bakers Corner community. She grew up not more than one and a quarter miles from there, and attended all eight years of elementary school there. She had four years of high school at Cicero, graduating in 1925.

During her first two years of high school, she and a friend, Josephine Poore, drove a horse and buggy for transportation. The roads, at that time, were gravel. The horse was often forced to endure mud, snow, rain and other elements of weather to deliver them to school, then return them home in the evening. She says that sometimes the snow and mud were so deep they came up to the horse's knees and the buggy axle. During the short days of winter the girls left home long before daylight, and left Cicero after the streets were lighted for the evening. She remembers it as a happy time, though difficult.

Soon after graduation from high school, Mary Elizabeth married a young farmer, Lee Stewart. This was June 17, 1925. He had rented a farm near Cicero, and they set up housekeeping. Lee's health failed after several years on the farm, and she was forced to work outside the home. After nine years, she felt that she was needed at home because of Lee's health, and earned a living by caring for older people in her home.

The Stewarts had three children., Eugene of Indianapolis, Mrs. (Delbert) Mary Lee Jones of near Spencer and Mrs. (Kenneth) Margaret Ann Stewart of Lafayette. They had nine grandchildren. One died in 1965. One lives in Kansas. Another is serving in the Army, stationed in Alaska, and the others live in Indiana. There are 16 great-grandchildren.

Her husband, Lee, an invalid for 12 years, died in 1975. In 1978, Mary Elizabeth married Myron F. Robbins. She now has five stepchildren, 13 step-grandchildren and eight step great-grandchildren. Myron and Mary Elizabeth reside in Bakers Corner.

Hobbies have played an important role in Mrs. Robbins' life. They include oil painting, sewing, writing and traveling. She feels that it has been a very happy life.

*Everyone is cordially invited to help us in the in the celebration of the*

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*No gifts, please.*

*Her family*

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