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Marianna Collins **Exter** "Pat" age 95 years of 51 Mary Elmer Drive, Bridgeton, passed away Monday March 29, 2004 at the Rainbow Nursing Center, Pittsgrove Twp. Born on January 14, 1909 in Urbana, Illinois to Ira and Rose Collins, she married Fred C. **Exter** in 1926, a marriage that lasted over 64 years until his death in 1990. They moved to Bridgeton in 1942 where they lived until after Fred retired from Owens-Illinois Glass Company in 1968. Marianna, known most of her life as "Pat" was chiefly a homemaker until she started teaching fourth grade classes at Hopewell School in 1952. She earned her Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education at Glassboro State Teacher's College in 1961. In 1972, she and her husband moved to Mission, Texas. They spent most of their retirement traveling around the United States, Canada and Mexico in their Airstream Trailer with the Wally Byam Caravan Club, visiting every state except Alaska. She also traveled to El Salvador, Ecuador, Panama, China, Egypt and parts of Europe. Pat was president of the South Texas Chapter of the Wally Byam Club and Director of her church choir in Mission. She was a member of Berean Baptist Church in Bridgeton from 1943 until her death.

Mrs. **Exter** is survived by her four children, Dr. Patricia Jean Kern of Waukesha, Wisconsin, and her husband Dr. Robert Kern; Carole Ann Wever of Kerrville, Texas, (husband Bernie Wever deceased), **Frederick** Carl **Exter** III of Sapulpa, Oklahoma, and his wife Julie, and Richard Albert **Exter** of Bridgeton and his wife Deborah. She is also survived by 11 grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

A Christian Worship Service will be conducted from the Berean Baptist Temple, Fayette and Vine Streets, Bridgeton on Friday April 2 at noon with Rev. Donald K. Harrington, Pastor officiating. Interment will be made in the Overlook Cemetery, Bridgeton. Friends will be received at the church Friday morning, one hour prior to the services. The family suggests remembrances in Mrs. **Exter**'s memory may be made to the Berean Baptist Temple Memorial Fund, 68 Vine Street, Bridgeton, N.J. 08302.

Arrangements are under the direction of the BROOKS WEST SIDE FUNERAL HOME, 181 Atlantic Street, Bridgeton.