

Simmons, Helen V.

Helen Virginia Simmons, 83 of Cheboygan, beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and aunt, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, Aug. 3, 2010 at Larson Hall surrounded by her family.

She was born June 5, 1927 in Huron County, the daughter of John A. and Mary Ellen (Mattice) MacDonald. On June 29, 1946 in Bad Axe, Helen married James Maxwell "Max" Simmons, who preceded her in death on June 14, 1974.

Helen worked in the Cheboygan area for many years as a cook at the hospital, a local restaurant, the Cheboygan Schools and a local nursing home. She and Max owned and operated Simmons Standard Station at 1262 Mackinaw Ave. in Cheboygan from 1964 to 1980. She also was an Avon representative for many years.

Helen enjoyed gardening, arts and crafts, cooking, baking for her large family, collecting decorative plates, doing puzzles, playing board games and attending family and community events. She attended the Wesleyan Community Church in Cheboygan and was baptized there on June 25, 2006.

Survivors include her seven children, Mary Ellen Miller of Sebewaing, Virginia Simmons of Mt. Pleasant, Esther (Dan) Anderson of Cheboygan, Alan (Kathy) Simmons of Cheboygan, Catherine Hefferon of Cheboygan, George (Alice) Simmons of Gaylord and William (Pam) Simmons of Cheboygan; her daughter-in-law, Lois Simmons of Cheboygan; 24 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Besides her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents; her son, Jim; and three sons-in-law.

The funeral service will take place at 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 7, 2010 at the Wesleyan Community Church, 625 Sixth St., Cheboygan, with Pastor Greg Kirby officiating. Burial will take place in Pinehill Cemetery.

Visitation will be from noon until the time of service on Saturday.

Memorial contributions in Helen's name may be directed to the church.

Friends and family wishing to share online condolences and memories of Helen are invited to sign an online register book at www.stonefuneralhomeinc.com.

Arrangements are being handled by the Nordman-Christian funeral Home.