Kieft, Dorothy

Dorothy E. Kieft, 73, of Rochester and Bay Port, died Thursday morning, Nov. 21, 2002, at her home in Bay Port following a year-long illness. She was born Nov. 26. 1928, in Saginaw, daughter of the late William H. "Bud" and Susan Mary (Kleinfeld) Doerfner. She was united in marriage to Richard L. Kieft on July 1, 1950, in Saginaw. She was a graduate of the University of Michigan with a bachelor of science degree in chemistry. She was a member of the Women's National Farm and Garden Club of which she just received a 30 Year Membership Award. She also was in the Rochester Symphony Orchestra for several years. She enjoyed gardening and dried arrangements. She is survived by her husband, Richard, of Rochester and Bay Port; two sons and two daughters, Julia H. Kieft of Bay Port, Richard Lynn Kieft and his wife, Lyn, of Westminster, Calif., Brian Kieft and his wife, Karen, of South Lyons, and Sharon Elizabeth Kaiser and her husband, Cary, of St. Clair Shores; two grandchildren, Jeffrey Jostock and his wife, Veronica, and Jeremy Steven Blankenship; two greatgrandchildren, Savannah and Justin Jostock; one sister, Frances Mudeking and her husband, Donald, of Dearborn; one brother, William H. Doerfner Jr. of Perry; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by two sisters, Norma Jean Smith and Susan Ann Sobel. A private committal service will take place in the spring at the Old Bay Port Cemetery near Bay Port. Visitation will be from 1 to 9 p.m. on Sunday and from noon to 6 p.m. on Monday at the Dinkel-Juengel Funeral Home in Sebewaing. Cremation will take place at the Sunset Valley Crematory in Bay City. Memorials may be made to Garden Club Scholarship Fund.