

Wilson, Bessie J.

Bessie Jean Wilson, 89, of Harbor Beach passed away Friday, Sept. 25, 2009 at Lakeview Extended Care under hospice care in Harbor Beach.

She was born on March 25, 1920 in Harbor Beach to the late Charles and Florence Kleinknecht. Bessie was the valedictorian of the class of 1938 at Harbor Beach High School. She also was a 1939 graduate of Detroit Business University. She was a professional photographer who owned and operated B.J. Wilson Studio in Bad Axe for 25 years.

She is survived by her son, Brian (Sharon) Wilson of Valencia, Calif., two grandchildren, Craig (Monique) Wilson of Santa Clarita, Calif. and Jeff (Tami) Wilson of Castaic, Calif.; four great-grandchildren, Amanda Wilson, Kylee Wilson, Cole Wilson and Reed Wilson, step-great-grandchildren, Justin, Matt (Sara), and Stephanie; one step great-great-granddaughter, Makayla; sister-in-law, Joan Kleinknecht, brother-in-law, Stuart Young; nieces and nephews: Alan, Steve and Richard Kleinknecht and Lori Goniwicha; Kurt Young, Kathy Bonathan and Karen MacPherson; and numerous great nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Bruce Kleinknecht and her sister, Doris Young.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will take place at a later date. Arrangements are being handled the Ramsey Funeral Home of Harbor Beach.