

Messing, Theresa M.

Theresa M. Messing, 96, of Harbor Beach, passed away Sunday, May 31, 2009 at her home with hospice care.

Born Nov. 14, 1912 in Detroit, she was the daughter of the late August and Barbara (Nowiski) Romzek.

Theresa and Leonard Messing were united in marriage June 22, 1935 in St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Helena. Together, they farmed in Sigel Township and raised their family. Leonard preceded her in death Dec. 11, 2007.

She was a parishioner of Our Lady of Lake Huron Catholic Church in Harbor Beach. A member of the Daughters of Isabella of Bad Axe, the Altar Society of OLLH, was a volunteer for the American Cancer Society. She enjoyed sewing and quilting for all her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and enjoyed playing cards. Theresa was a 4-H Leader for many years and a member of the Sigel Extension Group.

Surviving are her children, Shirley Hoffman and her husband, John, of Oscoda, Patricia Heleski and her husband, Clarence, of Ubly, Russell Messing and his wife, Elizabeth, of Mead, Wash., Calvin Messing and his wife, Sharon, of Manchester, Dale Messing and his wife, Diane, of Taylor, Texas, Bruce Messing and his wife, Jeanne, of Nebo, N.C., and Bradley Messing and his wife, Julie, of Manchester; 39 grandchildren; 65 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; brothers, Ray and Delores Braun of Port Austin, Orville and Pat Braun of Harbor Beach, and Kenneth Braun of Harbor Beach; for a total of 113 living descendants.

She was preceded in death by a son, Leonard Messing Jr.; a grandson, Benjamin Messing; sisters, Agnes Romzek and Minni Romzek Susalla; and brothers, Pete Romzek, Ralph Braun, Roman Braun, Tony Braun, Harry Braun, Wilfred Braun and Norman Braun; and brother-in-law, James Shubitowski.

Funeral Mass for Theresa will be at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, June 4, 2009 at Our Lady of Lake Huron Catholic Church of Harbor Beach, with Fr. Bill Spencer officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Visitation for Theresa will be from 1 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday in the Ramsey Funeral Home, Inc. of Harbor Beach. Visitation will begin in the church at 10 a.m. until time of services Thursday. A Parish Vigil Service will take place at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the funeral home. The Daughters of Isabella will have a Rosary Service at 4 p.m. Wednesday in the funeral home.