

**Diebel, Juanita J.**

Juanita J. Diebel of Hesperia, went to be with her Lord on Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2010.

Juanita was born to Albert and Stella Richey near Geary, Okla., on May 8, 1929.

She and her family moved to Pigeon during the 1930's where she graduated from Pigeon High School in June of 1947. Mrs. Diebel completed nurses training at Harper Hospital in June of 1950 and married Thaddeus E. (Ted) Diebel on Dec. 23, 1950.

During their early married life, she served as a nurse at Harper Hospital in Detroit, Sparrow Hospital in Lansing, Hackley Hospital in Muskegon and served as an assistant to the American Embassy Nurse in Khartoum, Sudan, Africa in 1966 and 1967.

Mrs. Diebel lived a full and blessed life that included living and traveling to numerous places in the U.S. and abroad. She loved her God, her husband and family, and her friends. She was a member of the Newman Christian Reformed Church where she was an active part of the Joy Circle. Mrs. Diebel was an accomplished artist and gardener which were some of her strongest gifts and favorite activities second only to visits from her grandchildren. It can be said of Juanita, that if you knew her, you most likely liked her, and she will be sorely missed.

Juanita is survived by her husband, Ted Diebel; sons, Daniel (Kathryn) of Ypsilanti, David (Lisa) of Livonia and Michael (Wendy) of Romulus. She is also survived by her grandchildren: Sarah, Hannah, Matthew, Jared, Arianna, Aaron, Mark, Joshua, and Nathan.

Mrs. Diebel was preceded in death by her parents, Stella and Albert Richey, and her grandchildren Albert and Meesha Diebel.

Visitation will be at 1 p.m. Sunday at Newman Chapel in Otto Twp., near Hesperia, Michigan followed by the funeral service at 2 p.m. Jan. 24, 2010.

Memorials to Oceana County Council on Aging, 621 E. Main St., Hart, MI 49420 are appreciated.

You may get directions or sign the on-line guest book at [www.harrisfhome.com](http://www.harrisfhome.com).

Arrangements are by Harris Funeral Home in Shelby.