

### **Lange, Bertha A.**

Bertha A. Lange, 88, of Port Hope, was called to her heavenly home Friday, September 10, 2004. She died at home following a short illness. Bertha "Bert" was born May 16, 1916 in Bloomfield Township to Herman and Hannah (Nichol) Pleiness. She married Theodore Lange on June 16, 1937. He preceded her in death on April 24, 2004, after 66 years of marriage. Bertha enjoyed farming and running a Holstein dairy operation with her husband in younger years. She also used to love gardening, baking, cooking, and canning and was well known for her cream pies. In winter months, she was involved with embroidering and quilting, but her main joy in life was being with family and friends. She always enjoyed playing cards, bingo, fishing, and used to bowl. She was an organist at Lutheran churches in Huron County over a span of 62 years. She taught Sunday School for several years at both Bloomfield Township Lutheran Church and Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Harbor Beach and was in charge of funeral lunches for several years at St. John Lutheran Church in Port Hope. She was a member of the Port Hope Retirees. Survivors include four children: Norman Lange and his wife, Bernice, of Harbor Beach, Harold Lange and his wife, Elaine, of Clinton Township, Joann Yott, of Bad Axe, and Diane Diehl and her husband, George, of Troy; four grandchildren, Duane Lange and his wife, Sue, of Marlette, Deborah Weidman and her husband, Troy, of South Lyon, Jeffrey Diehl and his wife, Melissa, of Macomb, and Michael Lange and his wife, Dawn, of Mt. Clemens; 10 great-grandchildren, Garrett, Jenna, and Kolby Lange, Zachary, Conner and Nathan Weidman, Ryan, Morgan, Carter and Alexis Diehl; two brothers, Walter Pleiness, of Harbor Beach, and Harold Pleiness, of Port Hope; one sister, Dorothy Roberts, of Harbor Beach; two brothers-in-law; five sisters-in-law; several nephews, nieces and cousins. Bertha was preceded in death by her husband; her parents; two brothers, Herman II and August Pleiness; and one sister, Minnie Hearit. Funeral services will be conducted at noon on Saturday, September 18, 2004, at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church with the Rev. Mark Girardin, pastor, and the Rev. Eugene Koessel, former pastor, officiating. Burial will follow at the Lakeview Cemetery, Port Hope. Visitation will be from 1 to 9 p.m. on Friday at Ramsey Funeral Home in Harbor Beach and from 11 a.m. until the time of services on Saturday at the church. Scripture service will be at 7:30 p.m. on Friday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Zion Lutheran School and Preschool, Eastern Huron Ambulance, and Harbor Beach Library.