

Holy, Irene T.

Irene T. Hool, 83, of Bad Axe formerly of Tallahassee, Fla. passed away Wednesday, Jan. 28, 2009 at her home in Bad Axe under hospice care.

She was born March 8, 1925 on the family farm near Owendale, daughter of the late Nicholas and Catherine (Welther) Tabar.

She was valedictorian of the Owendale-Gagetown High School class of 1943.

Irene was employed in Detroit offices of Fisher Body Division of GM working on the P-75 and B-29 airplanes.

She was married to Howard C. Hool by Rev. Bernthal at Epiphany Lutheran Church in Highland Park on Jan. 26, 1946. They shared over 55 years of marriage before he died on May 28, 2001. Irene also was employed for years with the State of Michigan, MESC (Michigan Employment Service Commission) offices in Bay City and Caro. She and Howard owned and operated numerous business enterprises together. They owned North Grove Inn, Caro; Wagon Wheel Inn, Kinde; Fisher & Hool Construction Co., Kinde; Rite Way Construction Inc., and HP Construction Co. Inc., Treasure Island, Fla.; the Carousel Motel, Redington Beach, Fla.; Windjammer Motel, Treasurer Island, Fla.; and various rental properties in Madiera Beach, Fla.

She also was a Florida licensed real estate broker and owned and operated Lai Rene Realty Inc., Gulfport, Fla. As a licensed pilot she and Howard spent many hours flying their airplane to Las Vegas, California, Canada and between Bad Axe and Florida.

In 1976 they visited her father's birthplace in Hatzfeld, Austria-Hungary, and maternal grandparents' birthplace in Transylvania.

Their retirement years were spent between Madiera Beach, Fla. and Caseville. She finally returned to Michigan in 2004.

She enjoyed reading and playing cards. She joined the Duplicate Bridge Clubs in Tallahassee becoming a member of American Contract Bridge League and earning a number of master points. She enjoyed playing with the bridge players in the Thumb.

Surviving are two loving daughters, Lynette Hahn and special friend, Robert Prange Sr. of Bad Axe, Loretta (Abe) Alexander of Tallahassee, Fla.; two granddaughters, Sherri Hahn and special friend, Kevin Desjarlais of Westland, Kimberly (James) Yaroch of Sebewaing; two great-granddaughters, Kayla Yaroch of Bad Axe and Chambray Yaroch of Sebewaing; also one sister, Esther Gartner of Warren; two brothers, Ralph Tabar of Owendale, Harold (Theresa) Tabar of Ocala, Fla.; numerous brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by grandson, Howard Hahn; brother, Lon Tabar; two sisters-in-law, Mamie Tabar, Dorothy Tabar; and brothers-in-law, Victor Gartner, Kenneth, Lawrence and Floyd Hool; sister-in-law, Evelyn Borodychuk; and ex-son-in-law, William Hahn.

As per Irene's wishes there will be no visitation.

A graveside committal service will take place later this spring at St. John Lutheran Cemetery in Sebewaing.

Arrangements are being handled by the Dinkel-Juengel Funeral Home in Sebewaing.