

Onifer, Mary L.

Mary L. Onifer, 83, of Port Austin, died at her home.

She was born on Feb. 19, 1926 in Port Austin Township, daughter of the late Anthony and Frances (Watchoski) Fisher.

Mary and Paul Onifer were married on July 3, 1947 in Detroit. They moved to Port Austin from Warren in 1987. He preceded her in death on Feb. 19, 2007.

Mary is survived by eight children, Judith (Leonard) Reino of Gibsonburg, Ohio. David (Karon) Onifer of Shelby Twp., Geoffrey (Sandra) Onifer of Sanford, Suzanne Paridee of St. Clair Shores, Paulette (Milton) Tow of Sarasota, Fla., Annette (Anthony) Leone of Shelby Twp., Daniel (Donna) Onifer of Tampa, Fla., and Mary Onifer and Lisa Spurlock of Ferndale; 15 grandchildren, Jeff, Jackie, Kristin, Joel, Neil, Chelsea, Paul, Courtney, Carissa, Renné, David, Aimeé, Aaron, Shannon, and Phillip; and seven great-grandchildren, Mark, Dominique, Madison, Chase, Olivia, Lukas, and Ava. She is also survived by her sister, Margaret Yaroch of Fraser.

She was preceded in death by four brothers, George, Walter, Ed, and Sam; and her sister, Theresa Andrewski.

Mary was the most loving, patient, and caring mother a child could want. She enjoyed gardening, crafts, and cooking. She especially enjoyed traveling the world. Mary loved her independence and found great joy in volunteering. She was also an exceptional bowler. She was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Port Austin, the U & I Club in Port Austin, and was a meal site volunteer.

Funeral Mass was conducted at 11 a.m. Friday, April 17, 2009 at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Port Austin. Officiating was the Rev. Andy Booms, pastor. Cremation followed at Sunset Valley Crematory in Bay City.

Knoblock Funeral Home in Kinde conducted the arrangements.