

Tecla E. Binder, 94, of Okemos, formerly of Kilmanagh, was called to her heavenly home on Sunday, Aug. 2, 2015.

Tecla was born in Kilmanagh on November 25, 1920, to the late Edna (Dinkel) and Clemens P. Woldt.

They lived above the family's general store for her first five years, and then moved to her grandparent's home next to the store. After attending the Kilmanagh Lutheran School, she graduated from Sebewaing High School in 1939 and moved to Saginaw to work at a bank. On Nov. 10, 1946, she and Wilbert Binder married. After a short time in Detroit, they moved back to Kilmanagh to the Sears Catalog home her grandfather, Albert Woldt, built in 1925. They lived there for the rest of their married life.

Tecla was employed and retired from the Pigeon Lumber Company. In 2007, she moved to Okemos to be cared for by her daughter and family. She enjoyed gardening, baking for her family, attending church, was a devoted listener to the Lutheran Hour, reading Portals of Prayer and spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Tecla is survived by her daughter, Mira and son-in-law, Greg Edgerton; her treasured granddaughters and their spouses, Heidi and Neil Haremski and Marissa and Chase Putans; her great-grandchildren, Jackson and Carter Haremski, Nicholas and Emilia Putans and Aaron and Austin Edgerton; two nephews and their spouses, Steven and Barb Woldt and Greg and Pam Woldt; one niece, Vickie and Ken Boesnecker and special friends, Tom and Brenda Voss. The family wishes to extend a special thanks to caregivers, Arlene, Lorraine, Brenda, Vicki, Becky, the staff at the Willows, the staff at Riverwind, Hometown Hospice and to Pastor Kurt Dwyer.

Tecla was preceded in death by her loving husband, Wilbert, in 1998 after 52 years of marriage; her four year old son, Mark, in 1958; her brother, Ronald, in 2007 and her niece, Tammy, in 2013.

The funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Aug. 7, 2015, at St. John Lutheran Church in Kilmanagh where she was a lifelong member — the same church she was baptized, confirmed and married in.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. Friday until the time of the service at the church. Pastor Wenskay will be officiating. Burial will take place at St. John Lutheran Cemetery in Sebewaing.

Memorial donations may given to the Lutheran Hour, St. John Lutheran Church or any hospice organization of your choice.

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Arrangements handled by Juengel-Mellendorf Funeral Home in Sebewaing.