

Callender, Eleanor A.

Eleanor Arlene (Silverthorn) Callender, 88, of Harbor Beach, went to be with her Lord Wednesday, Oct. 14, 2009 at Harbor Beach Community Hospital, with her family at her side. She was born Jan. 10, 1921 in Harbor Beach, to George and Myrtle Silverthorn. She graduated from Harbor Beach High School. She married the late Delbert Callender Feb. 14, 1942. They had five children and were married 67 years.

Eleanor was involved with Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, Band Boosters and PTA in the Harbor Beach area and belonged to the Harbor Beach United Methodist Church.

She is survived by her children: Daughter Penny Letts and her husband, Robert, of Harbor Beach; sons Thomas Callender and his wife, Margaret, of Ruth, David Callender and his wife, Nancy, of Surry, N.H. and Richard Callender and his wife, Mary, of Harbor Beach; 12 grandchildren: Jillynn (Joe) Kepler, Sara Callender and friend, Jay Grossman, Jeremy (Nicole) Arntz, Laura (Paul) Fisher, James (Christy) Callender, Timothy (Bridget) Callender, Daniel (Becky) Callender, Kirk (Sarah) Callender, Travis Callender, Kyle Callender and fiancé, Kim Golis, Nickolas Callender and Gabriel Callender; three step-grandchildren: Laura Letts, Michael (Tina) Letts, Michelle (John) Whistler; 16 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild; sister, Edythe Silverthorn of Lexington, Ky.; brother, William (Angie) Silverthorn of Zephyrhills, Fla.; sister-in-law Doris Callender of Aurora, Colo.; brother-in-law Ernest (Norma) Callender of West Bloomfield; and many nieces and nephews.

Eleanor was preceded in death by her husband, Delbert Callender, a year-old son John Wesley Callender, sister Betty Ogden and brother-in-law Robert Callender.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 17, 2009 in the Ramsey Funeral Home of Harbor Beach, with the Rev. Paula Timm officiating. Cremation will follow in Sunset Valley Crematory of Bay City.

Visitation for Eleanor will be from 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, and from 10 a.m. until time of services Saturday in the funeral home.