

Buckley, Elizabeth

Elizabeth Buckley, 100, died on the anniversary of her wedding 81 years ago, Saturday, Feb. 16, 2008. She had been in excellent health, and always was aware of her family, friends, acquaintances and her surroundings.

Elizabeth was born Nov. 1, 1907 in Detroit to Frank and Pelagia Mendlewski, and lived most of her life on her farm in Goodells until moving to Harbor Beach two-and-a-half-years ago to live with her daughter and son-in-law.

She was a 50-year member of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church and also was a member of the Daughters of Isabella and the Altar Society. She enjoyed playing cards, gardening, making crossword puzzles, and she loved her flowers. She was loved by all who knew her, had a good sense of humor, and had many friends, the oldest of which is currently 111 years old. Recently, she enjoyed luncheons and playing bingo every Wednesday and Friday at the Harbor House Senior Center in Harbor Beach.

Elizabeth is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Patricia and Frank Insana, of Harbor Beach; seven grandchildren, Michael, Glenn and Gary Insana, Cynthia Ellero, Kathleen Ruggles, and Jeffrey and David Insana; 20 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John, who died in 1980; and her son, Eugene Buckley, who passed away in 1989.

Visitation, a Scriptural Wake service and recitation of the Rosary took place Wednesday in Smith Family Funeral Home-South, 1230 Seventh St.

Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 21, 2008 in Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church preceded by one hour of visitation. The Rev. Fr. Paul Czarnota will officiate.

Burial will follow in Our Lady of Mount Carmel Cemetery.

Elizabeth's grandchildren will be her pallbearers. Contributions may be made in her memory to the Capuchin Missions. To send condolences, please visit smithfamilyfuneralhome.com.