

Penfold, Evelyn M. (Detgen)

Surrounded by her family, Evelyn Marie (Detgen) Penfold, 77, passed away with quiet dignity — in the same way she lived her life — Jan. 1, 2008 at her home in Grand Junction, Colo. The cause of death was metastatic breast cancer.

Evelyn was born Feb. 24, 1930 in Rubicon Township, Harbor Beach to Louis and Mamie (Dobson) Detgen.

She married Robert Lee Penfold June 23, 1951 in Port Huron.

Evelyn attended the State College of Beauty Culture in Detroit and she graduated Oct. 7, 1947.

She owned and operated the Colonial Beauty Salon in Bad Axe, and also worked as a Realtor in the Huron County area. Evelyn and Robert moved to the Upper Peninsula of Michigan in 1979.

While living there, she continued her real estate career, owned and operated a series of adult foster care homes, and was elected as the Arvon Township Assessor.

In 1999, Evelyn and Robert relocated to Grand Junction, Colo. In Colorado, Evelyn acquired yet another career, that of master quilter. During her lifetime, she also enjoyed gardening and antique collecting.

Evelyn was devoted to her children and her five granddaughters. She leaves a legacy of love and strength for her family. Evelyn fought a long, courageous battle against breast cancer. She was known as a trailblazer in the medical community because of her endurance and great fight against the progression of her illness. She made many friends in the oncology department because of her graciousness and courage. She was a member of Our Savior Lutheran Church, Bad Axe, Zion Lutheran Church, Skanee, and Messiah Lutheran Church, Grand Junction, Colo. Grieving her loss, she leaves behind her husband of 56 years, Robert Penfold of Grand Junction, Colo.; sister, Darlene Shuart of Bad Axe; brothers, Edward Detgen and his wife, Hilda, of Bad Axe, and Ernest Detgen of Bad Axe; her children, Thomas Penfold and his wife, Connie, of L'Anse, Kathleen Enders and her husband, Ronald, of Durango, Colo., and Gregory Penfold of Plover, Wis.; five granddaughters, Brooke Enders of Red Lodge, Mont., Erin Enders of Denver, Colo., Emilee Enders of Boulder, Colo., Kristina Penfold of L'Anse, and Megan Penfold of Chicago, Ill. She also leaves numerous nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one sister, Helen Kautz; and one brother, Laverne Detgen.

A Christian celebration of the life of Evelyn Marie Penfold will be conducted at 10:30 a.m.

Saturday, May 24, 2008 at Our Savior Lutheran Church, Bad Axe. Pastor Kenneth Lueke will officiate.

The family will greet friends and relatives from 9:30 a.m. until the time of the service Saturday the church. Cremation has occurred. Interment will be at the Colfax Township Cemetery in Bad Axe.

A luncheon will follow at the church for family and friends. Arrangements are being made by Callahan-Edfast Mortuary of Grand Junction, Colo. and Kaufman Funeral Home in Bad Axe.

Memorials may be made in Evelyn's honor to the Building Fund at Our Savior Lutheran Church.