

Nickles, Virginia

Virginia A. Nickles, 83, of Harbor Beach and formerly of Port Hope, passed away on the 60th anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor, Friday, Dec. 7, 2001, in the Harbor Beach Community Hospital long term care unit. Virginia was born Sept. 14, 1918, in Manistee "just over the bridge" to the late John and Sophia (Nowak) Dahlkey. On April 18, 1936, she married Gerald Peter Nickles. They enjoyed 45 years of love and laughter before he died on June 17, 1981. Together they owned and operated Penny's Restaurant in Port Hope in the 1970s. She was an alumni of the Port Hope Community School and she will be remembered for the lunches she cooked and served there at the school. Virginia loved her country and was a long-time member of the Port Hope Am Vets Auxiliary. She was also a member of the Harbor Beach Lioness Club. Family and friends will remember Virginia for her storytelling, her sense of humor, her courage and her singing ability. She is the beloved mother of June McIntosh and her husband, Paul, of Rochester Hills, Linda Sehee of Wichita, Kan., Gerald Nickles Jr. and his wife, Carol, of Port Huron, Penny Guitar and her husband, Fred, of Harbor Beach. She was the treasured grandmother of Sharon Glass and her husband, Dean, Julie Aldo, John Speck, Michelle Watson and her husband, Scott, Tina and Tammy Young, Sean and Kevin Guitar, Andre Wiegand and Adrienne and Gerry Nickles, III. Virginia is also survived by five great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Jean Ann; two sisters Gertrude Wichtman and Cecile Clark. Funeral mass will be at 11:30 a.m. Monday, Dec. 10, 2001 at Our Lady of Lake Huron Catholic Church in Harbor Beach with the Rev. Gerald Kukla, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery. A White Clover Service by the Am Vets will be at 7 p.m., followed by a parish vigil service at 7:30 p.m. tonight, both at the Ramsey Funeral Home, Harbor Beach. Visitation will be from 1 to 9 p.m. today at the funeral home and from 10 to 11 a.m. Monday at the church.