

Kelly, Bernice

Bernice Kelly, 93, of Madison Heights formerly of Sebewaing died Friday, May 29, 2009 at the home of her daughter, Penny, in Madison Heights following a two-month illness.

She was born March 29, 1916 in Bay City, daughter of the late Pierre and Lydia (Bellon) Garcin. She was united in marriage to Edwin (Bud) F. Kanehl on Nov. 24, 1938. He preceded her in death on Jan. 7, 1957. She then married Henry J. Kelly on July 7, 1962. He died on April 13, 1969.

She and her husband owned and operated the Center Road Bar in Essexville before purchasing Bud's Bar in Kilmanagh, changing the name to Bernie's and finally to Kelly's Bar. She operated it until it closed on April 28, 2001.

Bernice was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church in Sebewaing.

She enjoyed playing cards, visiting the casino, bowling, visiting with her friends and family, especially the people who came to see her at Kelly's Bar.

Surviving are two daughters, Candy (Robert) Oeschger of Port Hope, Penny Howard of Madison Heights; grandchildren, Tracey (Jim) Schenk of Bad Axe, Tara Oeschger of East Lansing, Tyler Oeschger of Port Hope, Erin (Jeff) Ferris of Madison Heights, Leigh (Jessy) Wayna of Ferndale; three great-grandchildren; two step-great-grandchildren; also one niece, Joanne (Ray) Niezurawski of Bay City.

The Mass of Christian Burial will take place at 11 a.m. Tuesday, June 2, 2009 at Holy Family Catholic Church in Sebewaing. Fr. John Weis will officiate with burial in St. Agatha Catholic Church in Gagetown.

Friends may call at the Dinkel-Juengel Funeral Home in Sebewaing from 3 to 9 p.m. on Monday. She will lie in state from 10 a.m. Tuesday until the time of service at the church.

In lieu of flowers the family has requested donations to Holy Family Catholic Church or St. John Lutheran Church, Kilmanagh.

Arrangements are being handled by the Dinkel-Juengel Funeral Home in Sebewaing.