

DeFrane, Valerie E.

Valerie Ellen DeFrane, 71, of Lapeer, formerly of Bad Axe, died Aug. 27, 2009.

She was born June 29, 1938 in Huron County to James and Mary (Gainor) Dobson.

She married Leon William DeFrane April 2, 1978 in Sterling Heights.

Mrs. DeFrane was a member of Lapeer Area Elks, Moose Lodge in Lapeer and American Legion Woman's Auxiliary.

She is survived by her children, Terrance Rifembark of Lapeer, James (Barb) Rifembark of Philadelphia, Tenn., Patrick (Karen) Doherty of Berkley, and Mary (John Piorunek) Stikeleather of Clifford; step-children, Cindy (Steve) Moelter of Freeland, and Bruce (Judy) DeFrane of St. Clair; 15 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; siblings, Leila Quigley of Milford, Elaine (Edward) Walsh of Sterling Heights, Roger (Toni) Dobson of Valparaiso, Ind. and Bradley (Mary) Dobson of Bad Axe.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Leon DeFrane; sister, Karen Gray; parents, James and Mary Dobson.

Funeral service was conducted at 11 a.m. Monday, Aug. 31, 2009 at Muir Brothers Funeral Home in Lapeer with burial in Stiles Cemetery.

Muir Brothers Funeral Home in Lapeer is handling the arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are requested to the family.