

Engelhardt, Lorene C.

Lorene C. Engelhardt, 85, of Sebewaing, went to be with her Lord and Savior Friday, July 31, 2009. Born on the family farm near Sebewaing Sept. 11, 1923, she was the daughter of Henry and Catherine (Stoeckle-Taschner) Hafner. Sixty-seven years ago, on May 16, 1942, she was united in marriage to Carl F. Engelhardt in Sebewaing.

Lorene was an active member of St. John Lutheran Church in Kilmanagh, where she served in many volunteer capacities with the Ladies Aid, Ladies Choir, and Lutheran World Relief. One of her greatest pleasures was serving as a volunteer at the church's day school and listening to students read. She enjoyed baking, canning, crocheting, gardening, and sewing. She retired from General Cable Corporation of Cass City in 1984 and served as the retiree group's secretary-treasurer for many years.

In addition to her husband, Carl, she is survived by two sons, Kenneth (Connie) Engelhardt of Rose City, David (Patricia) Engelhardt of Cincinnati, Ohio; two daughters, Jeanette (Michael) Bach of Sebewaing, Joy (Gilbert) Sprague of Owendale; eight grandchildren, Kenneth (Melissa) Engelhardt, Kurt Engelhardt, Kathy Henderson, Michelle (Brad) Burke, Kevin (Brenda) Fritz, Elizabeth Engelhardt, Heather Sprague and Jeremy Sprague; seven great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by four brothers, Frank, Charles and Dan Taschner and Roland Hafner; and by three sisters, Irene Lorenz, Edna Knott, and Dorothy Buschbacher.

The funeral service will take place at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 4, 2009 at St. John Lutheran Church, Kilmanagh. The Rev. Allen R. Stoll will officiate with burial in the church cemetery.

Visitation will be at the Dinkel-Juengel Funeral Home in Sebewaing from 2 to 9 p.m. Monday and she will lie in state at the church from 10 a.m. Tuesday until the time of service.

Those planning an expression of sympathy are asked to consider St. John Lutheran Church, the Lutheran Hour, Lutheran World Relief or Alzheimer's Foundation. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." (NKJV) John 3:16