

Schafer, Catherine

Catherine "Katie" Schafer, 98, of Sebewaing passed away Thursday, Feb. 19, 2009 at the Tuscola County Medical Care Facility in Caro.

She was born April 20, 1910 in Oberdorf, Russia, daughter of the late Adam and Katherine (Usinger) Meyer.

On May 22, 1932 she was united in marriage to Alex Schafer at Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church in Saginaw. He preceded her in death in 1981.

She and her husband were former owners of the Old Heidelberg Inn in Sebewaing for almost 30 years.

Katie was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Sebewaing, its Ladies Aid and Lutheran Woman's Missionary League.

Surviving are one daughter, Betty (Duane, deceased) Guenther of Sebewaing; one son and daughter-in-law, Alex and Joanne Schafer of Saginaw; five grandchildren, Lori Sella, Brenda Schafer, Douglas Guenther, Scott Guenther and Julie Davis; 12 great-grandchildren, Ryan (Tabatha) Sella and Nicole Sella, Jordan and Tyler Heckroth, Andrew, Rachael, Derek, Leah and Amy Guenther, and Bailey, Bryn, and Morgan Davis; two great-great-grandchildren, Laikyn and Alex Sella; also one sister, two brothers, Mary Miller, Henry Meyer and Harold Meyer, all of Saginaw; many nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews.

She was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Leanne Schafer in 2005 and grandson, Gary Schafer in 2006; also three sisters, Pauline Miller, Hilda Collins, Martha Reis; and two brothers, Alex Meyer, Adam Meyer Jr.

The funeral service will take place at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 24, 2009 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Sebewaing. The Rev. Daniel Hahn will officiate with burial in Roselawn Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Saginaw.

Friends may call from 5 to 8 p.m. on Monday at the Dinkel-Juengel Funeral Home in Sebewaing. She will lie in state from 10 a.m. Tuesday until the time of service at the church.

Those planning an expression of sympathy are asked to consider Immanuel Lutheran Church in Sebewaing.