

Homrich, Joan W.

Joan W. Homrich, 76, of Port Austin, passed away at her home Thursday May 21, 2009, after a short illness. She was surrounded by her loving family.

She was born Sept. 17, 1932 in Detroit, daughter of the late Joseph and Mary Ellen (Shugrue) Werstine. She married Thomas J. Homrich Aug. 27, 1954 at St. Gregory's in Detroit.

Joan worked as a registered nurse at Huron Memorial Hospital in Bad Axe for 12 years and retired in 1997 as a Hospice Nurse. She took much pleasure in her grandchildren and was a great source of support and encouragement to all of them. She loved gardening, taking long walks and reading. She was an avid Red Wings fan. Joan was compassionate and caring. She was an inspiration to many and was loved by all. She will be greatly missed.

She is survived by her husband of 54 years, Thomas J. Homrich; her children, Susan (Ron) Homrich-Carpenter of Ann Arbor, Dennis (Mary) Homrich of Kinde, Robert (Michelle) Homrich of Dundee, Carolyn (Doug Ignash) of Kinde, Carin (Marc) Montei of Deford; and daughter-in-law, Sheila Homrich of Kinde; and eight grandchildren, Erin and Alison of Ann Arbor, Caitlin of Kinde, Hannah of Dundee, Jacob and Adam of Kinde, and Ethan and Lydia of Deford. She also is survived by her sister, Mary Jane (Ernest) Giordano; her brother, Richard (Dee) Werstine; sisters-in-law, Rita (Bert) Kirby, Mary Werstine of Boston, Ma., Mary Boyd, Carol Homrich, and Mary Werstine of Michigan; and several nieces and nephews.

Joan was preceded in death by her son, Jeffery; three brothers, William, John and Robert; and two brothers-in-law, Del and Ray.

Funeral Mass will be conducted at 11 a.m. Wednesday May 27, 2009 at St. Felix Catholic Church in Pinnebog. Officiating will be the Rev. Ken Yaroach. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Visitation will be conducted from 2 to 9 p.m. Tuesday at the Knoblock Funeral Home in Kinde and from 10 a.m. until the time of service Wednesday at the church. There will be a vigil at 7 p.m.

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