

Berndt, Ila M.

Beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, Ila Mae Berndt, 82, of Traverse City formerly of Port Austin and Bay City passed away Thursday, Jan. 15, 2009 at home surrounded by her daughters.

Ila was born on Sept. 30, 1926 in Bad Axe to the late Frank and Mabel (Langley) Kelly. She was united in marriage to Robert Berndt. He preceded her in death in 1987. Ila had a love of the outdoors, especially gardening. She enjoyed spending time with her family. Ila was quite a character, she loved life and lived it to the fullest, and she really enjoyed having a good time and a good laugh.

Left to cherish her memory are her daughters, Linda (Himmel) and husband Max Muller of Midland, Rosemary (Himmel) and husband Gary Myles of Traverse City, Judy (Himmel) McBride of Traverse City and Amy Berndt of Saginaw; seven grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. Besides her parents and husband Robert, Ila was preceded in death by a grandson, Fred McBride; brother, Lester Kelly; and sister, Avis McIlhargie.

Funeral service was conducted at 11 a.m. today, Jan. 19, 2009 at Stapish Cederberg Funeral Home East with Dr. Phillip Rice officiating.

Those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider memorials to the American Cancer Society.