

Block, Virginia M.

Virginia M. Block, 87, of Ruth, formerly of Pontiac, died Sunday evening, March 8, 2009 at Huron Memorial Hospital in Bad Axe following a lengthy illness.

She was born on July 9, 1921 in Carthage, Mo., daughter of the late Stephen Herman and Minnie Marie (Apperson) Clark.

She was united in marriage to Lloyd H. Block Jan. 3, 1942 in Royal Oak. He preceded her in death March 4, 2002.

Virginia was a member of Howarth United Methodist Church in Lake Orion. She was very active in genealogical research and many local Pontiac historical interest projects. She was the author of the Heritage Hunt column in the Oakland Press for many years as well as a prominent member of the Pontiac Area Genealogical Society.

Surviving are two daughters, one son and spouses, Karen Sue (Timothy) Tolin of Ruth, with whom she made her home, Peggy Lyn (Harold) Losey of Berkley, Phillip Lloyd Block (Kathryn Harris) of Port Washington, Wis.; 23 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; one sister, Catherine Sowa of Costa Mesa, Calif. She will also be missed by many dear friends and other relatives.

She was preceded in death by one sister; one brother; and three grandchildren.

Cremation has taken place at Sunset Valley Crematory in Bay City. A celebration of her life will be conducted at a memorial service at 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 6, 2009 at the Howarth United Methodist Church, 550 East Silverbell Road, Lake Orion. A light lunch will follow at the church. Those friends planning an expression of sympathy are asked to consider the Howarth United Methodist Church.

Arrangements are being handled by the Dinkel-Juengel Funeral Home in Sebawaing.