

Estelle D. Messner, 83, of Manistee, formerly of Bad Axe, passed away Saturday afternoon, Sept. 22, 2012.

She was born Jan. 20, 1929, in Flint, the daughter of the late Alvah and Margaret (Hilliard) Fauble. On Sept. 2, 1950 she was united in marriage to Howard A. Messner in Farmington. He preceded her in death on May 12, 1982.

She was a graduate of Manistee High School - Class of 1947. She also graduated from Grace Hospital School of Nursing and earned her RN, going on to achieve her bachelor of science and also a masters in psychology degree from Central Michigan University. She returned to Manistee from Bad Axe in September of 1997.

Estelle was a retired registered nurse, having worked in several Detroit area hospitals and for the Bad Axe Public Schools, as a school nurse, where she retired after 27 years of employment.

She was a member of the Manistee United Methodist Church, the Carlotta Circle and was a Stephen Minister of the church. She was a member of the Lakeside Club, where she served as President (1997-98) and Keeper of the Scrapbook (1994-95). She was a member of the Huron District Nurses Association and was named Nurse of the Year in 1984. She was also a member of the Thumb Bums Trailer Club, MARSP (retired school employees) and a former member of the Bad Axe Business and Professional Women. She loved to read and to play cards, but more importantly, she loved to spend time with her children and grandchildren.

Estelle is survived by her children, Michael (Sherry) Messner of Traverse City, Jeff (Janet Rogers) Messner of Manistee, Le'Anne (Tim) Leahy of Springboro, Ohio and Doreen (Jeff Kindel) Messner of Mt. Pleasant; her grandchildren, Sarah (Adam) Falter, Sean Leahy and Keane Leahy; her sister and brother-in-law, Becky and Jack Dinsen of Manistee; her sisters-in-law, Mary Anne Fauble of Springfield, Mo. and Marion Fauble of Manistee; and by numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 26 at the Johnson Funeral Home in Manistee.

Visitation will be from 2 until 4 and 7 until 9 p.m. on Tuesday at the funeral home.

The family has suggested that those wanting to remember Estelle consider a gift in her memory to either the Manistee Public Library, the Manistee United Methodist Church or the Munson Hospice House in Traverse City.

Funeral arrangements by Johnson Funeral Home, 480 Water St., Manistee, MI 49660. [[www.johnson-funeral-home.com](http://www.johnson-funeral-home.com)].