

Smith, Bernice G.

Bernice G. (Banker) Smith, 78, of Port Hope, passed away Wednesday, October 6, 2004, at her home with hospice care. Born in Port Hope on August 19, 1926, she was the daughter of the late Paul and Beatrice (Hunter) Schave. On July 6, 1946, Bernice and Frederick Banker were united in marriage in Detroit. Fred preceded her in death on December 14, 1988. Bernice and Jack Smith were united in marriage on May 18, 1996 in Port Hope. Jack passed away on November 6, 1999. Bernice was a member of the St. John Lutheran Church in Port Hope and the AmVets Auxiliary of Port Hope. She is survived by her children, Tony Banker and his wife, Crystal, of Port Hope, Larry Banker and his wife, Robin, of Warren, Randy Banker, of Waterford, and Pam Banker, of Caseville; two sisters, Doris Kaufman and her husband, Nathan, of Port Hope, and Phyllis Will and her husband, Al; and three brothers, Ken Schave and his wife, Bernadine, of Florida, Leroy Schave and his wife, Alice, of Port Hope, Don Schave and his wife, Deanna, of Lennon; two step-sons, Kenneth Smith, of Imlay City, and Robert Smith, of Warren; eight grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren. Bernice was preceded in death by a son, Fred Banker; two brothers, Lee Schave and Paul Schave; a sister, Beatrice Harwood. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. on Saturday, October 9, 2004, in St. John Lutheran Church, Port Hope, with the Rev. Gregory Eilers, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in the Marquardt Cemetery, Port Hope. An AmVets White Clover Ceremony will be at 5 p.m. on Friday and a scripture service at 7:30 p.m., both in the Ramsey Funeral Home, Harbor Beach. Visitation from 1 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. on Friday at the funeral home and from 9 a.m. until the time of services on Saturday at the church.