

Koch, Helen A.

Helen A. Koch, 77, of Sebewaing died Monday, June 9, 2008 at her home following a lengthy illness.

She was born April 9, 1931 in Pigeon, daughter of the late Frank and Helen (Kappel) Leonhardt. She was united in marriage to Howard Koch on May 12, 1951 in Sebewaing. He preceded her in death on March 16, 2002.

Helen had been employed in the kitchen at Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port Schools for 10 years as well as helping Howard on the farm.

She was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Sebewaing. She enjoyed gardening, woodworking, crafting, painting, hunting, and fishing.

She is survived by four daughters, two sons and spouses, Linda Haberlein of Beverly Hills, Julie (Douglas) Cojeen of Essexville, Janet (Jeff) Gorney of Toledo, Ohio, Pamela (Christopher) Wagner of Fairgrove, Thomas (Kristine) Koch, Don (Ann) Koch, all of Sebewaing; 15 grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by one brother, Frank Leonhardt.

Cremation has taken place at Sunset Valley Crematory in Bay City.

A memorial service will take place at 11 a.m. on Thursday, June 12, 2008 at Immanuel Lutheran Church. The Rev. Michael Boyer will officiate. Inurnment will be in the church cemetery.

The family will accept friends at the Dinkel-Juengel Funeral Home in Sebewaing from 3 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday and from 10 a.m. until the time of service at 11 a.m. on Thursday.

Memorials may be made to Immanuel Lutheran Church.