

Fuerst, Gertrude

Gertrude A. "Chum" Fuerst, 91, of Port Hope passed away Sunday, April 20, 2008 in the Lakeview Extended Care and Rehab Center of the Harbor Beach Community Hospital. Born in Port Hope on Jan. 3, 1917, she was the daughter of the late William and Mabel (Huffman) Maschke.

On April 6, 1940, Gertrude and Arthur Fuerst were united in marriage in Port Hope. Arthur preceded her in death on June 5, 1972.

Chum was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Port Hope and participated in many activities including the Bible class. She was a member of the Port Hope Retirees where she enjoyed playing cards and bowling.

Chum is survived by a son, Arlington Fuerst and his wife, Sharon, of Dryden; and six grandchildren, Julie Hellebuyck, Ryan Fuerst, Stacy Wernis, Steven Wagner, Wendy Simmons, and Richard Sobczak Jr.; 15 great-grandchildren; and a brother, Bernard Maschke and his wife, Lucille, of Port Hope.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Sharon Sobczak; three sisters, Viola Sewrey, Bertha Young and Margaret Emerick; and three brothers, John, William, and Darcey Maschke.

Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 23, 2008 in St. John Lutheran Church, Port Hope with the Rev. Gregory Eilers officiating. Burial will be in the Lakeview Cemetery, Port Hope.

A scripture service will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Ramsey Funeral Home, Harbor Beach.

Visitation will be from 1 to 9 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home and from 10 a.m. until the time of services Wednesday at the church.