

Rosemary "Rosie" Isbister, 90, of Smiths Creek, died July 18, 2012, in Ruby Acres Adult Foster Care Home after a long illness.

She was born June 6, 1922, to a long-time local pharmacist, Edward R. and Ethel B. (Reed) O'Neil. She married Henry C. Isbister on Aug. 24, 1948. He preceded her in death in February 2005.

She graduated from Port Huron High School in 1941, attended Port Huron Junior College for 2 1/2 years, and was a graduate of the Detroit Institute of Technology - Pharmacy School in 1950. She worked as a pharmacist in St. Clair County for more than 58 years. Rosie also worked at Dow Chemical in a laboratory for six months, and then enlisted in the U.S. Navy, and served in the Waves as a Pharmacist Mate, 3, First Class for more than two years during WW II.

Rosie and Henry were blessed with three children, Michael H. (Marie) Isbister, Ethel G. (Ramon) Ford and Carol A. (Steven) Helmreich; eight grandchildren, Kenneth (Beverly) Isbister, Kevin Isbister, Caleb H. (special friend Carolyn) Ford, J. Ramon (Andrea) Ford, Abigail M. and Hannah E. Ford, and Laura A. and Claire E. Helmreich; five great-grandchildren, Shanna (Ray), Nick, Bob, Chris, Tony; special friends, Micah, Georgina and Cody Hiler; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Edward R. O'Neil; two sisters, Eileen B. Fuller and Dorothy B. Smith.

The family would like to offer special thanks to Jim, Ronica and Roxanne at Ruby Acres.

A funeral service will take place at 11 a.m. on Thursday, July 26, 2012, in the Smith Family Funeral Home-North located at 1525 Hancock St. in Port Huron, with The Rev. Robert Chapman of Washington Avenue United Methodist Church officiating. A graveside committal service will follow in Lambs Cemetery under the auspices of the St. Clair County Allied Veterans Council.

Pallbearers will be Ramon and Caleb Ford, Steven Helmreich, Kenneth and Kevin Isbister, Micah and Cody Hiler, and John Sobolak. Honorary pallbearers will be Abigail and Hannah Ford and Laura and Claire Helmreich.

Visitation will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday with an Eastern Star Service at 7:30 p.m. There will also be visitation beginning at 10 a.m. on Thursday.

Memorials may be made to the Washington Avenue U.M.C. www.smithfamilyfuneralhome.com