

Swenson, Margaret

Margaret Swenson, formerly of Clinton Township, passed away Friday, Sept. 18, 2009 at Turning Brook Assisted Living Facility in Alpena.

Margaret was born Nov. 26 in Ruth to Robert and Mary (Hessling) Braun.

In May 1943, she married Sgt. Louis Molloy, who was killed in action during the close of World War II in 1945. Later she married Carl Swenson (Lt. Col., USAF, Ret.) in March 1948 in Harbor Beach. He preceded her in death in 1993.

The couple lived most of their life in the Detroit area, where she was active as a Girl Scout and Boy Scout leader and a competitive member of the Selfridge Women's Golf League. Margaret also was an avid game and card player, bowler and was a Master Bridge player. In Alpena, she was a member of St. Mary Catholic Church.

She was a vibrant lady with a generous personality who loved life, whether it was a game of Scrabble, playing with her grandchildren or helping her friends at Turning Brook. She will be deeply missed by all who knew her and whose lives she touched.

Surviving are two daughters, Gloria (Lee) Smith of Darien, Conn., Karen (Dr. Martin) Cirulis of Alpena; a son, Bob Swenson of Caledonia; six grandchildren, Jason (Sandy) Smith, Meghan (Graham) McPhail, Maija (Matt Gooch) Cirulis, Aleksander Cirulis, Second Lieutenant Karl Cirulis, Kimberly Swenson; four great-grandchildren, Emmett, Trevor and Sophia Smith, and Keenan McPhail; two brothers, Leo (Virginia) and Earl (Shirley) Braun of Port Hope; two sisters-in-law, Lorraine Braun, Wilma Braun, both of Harbor Beach; brother-in-law, Robert (Ramona) Tschirhart of Port Hope; and very special friend, Gerald Arnold of Clinton Township.

She was preceded in death by her twin sister, Mag Tschirhart; sister, Cindy Cardamone; and two brothers, Clarence and Robert Braun.

Memorial Mass will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, 2009 at Our Lady of Lake Huron Catholic Church with Fr. Bill Spencer officiating. Inurnment will be at the church cemetery.

Family and friends will gather from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday at Ramsey Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association or Hospice of Michigan.