

# MARY BERNHARDT

1897 - 1986

Mary Bernhardt, age 89, of Sebewaing, passed away Tuesday, October 28, at her home in Sebewaing.

She was born Mary Essler in Austria-Hungary on February 17, 1897, the daughter of John and Mary (Leideker) Essler. On June 1, 1916, she was united in marriage with John Bernhardt in Pigeon. He preceded her in death on July 14, 1967.

Mrs. Bernhardt was a member of Holy Family Church, and was a homemaker throughout her lifetime.

Surviving are three sons, Joe Bernhardt of Owendale, Peter of Tawas City and John of Elkton; three daughters, Mrs. Elsie Engelhardt, Mrs. Susan Dinkel and Mrs. John (Martha) Draschil, all of Sebewaing; 16 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren, five great-great-grandchildren; a brother, John Essler of Springhill, FL; and two sisters, Mrs. Clarence (Elizabeth) Nimtze of Sebewaing, and Mrs. Frank (Susie) Grassel of Palmetto, FL.

She was preceded in death by three grandchildren, two sisters and one brother.

Funeral mass was celebrated at 11 am Thursday in Holy Family Catholic Church, Sebewaing. Rev. Fr. Stanley Surman, pastor, officiated with interment the St. Francis Borgia Catholic Cemetery, Pigeon.

A Rosary was said Tuesday evening.