

Havrilla, Beatrice W.

Beatrice W. Havrilla, 79, of Caseville and formerly of East Detroit, died Friday, February 25, 2005, at Scheurer Hospital in Pigeon of pneumonia and pulmonary fibrosis. She was born August 20, 1925 in Detroit to the late Edward and Olga Schultz. Beatrice grew up in Detroit and graduated from East Detroit High School in 1943 as the salutatorian. She married Dale E. Havrilla on July 21, 1946 in Detroit. She was employed by Schemm Insurance and Moldenhauer Insurance, both of East Detroit. In 1982, she moved to Caseville and worked at Kauffold Insurance, only retiring in January of this year. She was a member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Caseville and a former member of St. Peter Lutheran Church in East Detroit. She always had a positive attitude and found the silver lining in the clouds. Beatrice is survived by her husband of 59 years, Dale; children, David, of Okemos, James and his wife, Carol, of Eastpointe, Nancy Hellowell and her husband, Ray, of Cadillac, Tom "Tommie" of Slidell, Louisiana, and Gary, of Laurel, Maryland; grandchildren, David, Christie, Robert, Todd, Brandon, Megan, Angie, Shane, Bo, Rachel, and Chad Havrilla and Brad, Lori and Lindsay Hellowell; great-grandchildren Paetyn, Cole, Tate and Reid. She was preceded in death by her sister, Eleanor Walker. Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. today at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Caseville with Pastor Jim Nihiser officiating. Visitation will be from noon to 2 p.m. today at the church. Arrangements are being made by Champagne Funeral Chapel in Caseville. Memorials may be made to the church. Friends may sign the guest book at www.cfcCaseville.com

"Out of deference to our mother, she would say the greatest gift in one's life is the salvation of Jesus Christ, but we believe the greatest of all was the gift of our mother in our lives."