

Essenmacher, Nora C.

Mrs. Nora C. Essenmacher, 105 of Harbor Beach and formerly of Ruth passed away Tuesday, April 14, 2009 at the Lakeview Extended Care Facility in Harbor Beach.

She was born Feb. 23, 1904 in Ruth, to the late Joseph and Bernadina (Bischer) Wipping. She married Norman Essenmacher Nov. 16, 1926 at Ss. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Ruth. He preceded her in death Dec. 21, 1991.

Nora attended the Ss. Peter and Paul Elementary School. She farmed with her husband. She was a lifelong parishioner at Ss. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Ruth, and a lifelong member of the Ss. Peter and Paul Christian Mothers. She truly enjoyed quilting.

Nora is survived by one son, Clifford "Ford" Essenmacher and his wife, June, of Elyria, Ohio; one daughter, Betty Siemen of Harbor Beach; 13 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; seven great-great-grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; 12 step-great-grandchildren; 20 step-great-great-grandchildren; and one sister, Sr. Robert Mary Wipping, R.S.M. of Farmington Hills.

Nora was preceded in death by four sisters, Agnes Rees, Martha Weber, Josephine Gentner and Irene Gentner; and one brother, Robert Wipping.

Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 18, 2009 at Ss. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Ruth. The Rev. Robert Pare, pastor, will officiate. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Visitation will be from 1:30 to 9 p.m. Friday at Zinger-Smigielski Funeral Home in Ubyly, and from 9 to 10 a.m. Saturday at the church. There will be a Christian Mothers rosary at 3 p.m. and a parish vigil service at 7 p.m. Friday. Both services will be at the funeral home.

Memorials are requested to the Lakeview Extended Care Facility.