

Muchler, Donna M.

Donna Mae (Smithers) Muchler, 79, of Traverse City formerly of Bad Axe passed away Saturday, Oct. 24, 2009 at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City.

Donna was born on May 3, 1930 in Bad Axe to the late Ridley and Janet (Blackwell) Smithers. She married Carl Muchler on Aug. 21, 1977 in Bad Axe. Carl preceded Donna in death on Oct. 5, 2007.

Donna was a telephone operator and supervisor with Michigan Bell Telephone Co. and retired with 30 years of service. She loved any sport or activity associated with the outdoors. Donna loved tennis and played tennis at the Traverse City Senior Center through 2008. She also enjoyed golf, snowmobiling, cross country skiing and walking. Our aunt was exceptional, loving, giving and will be greatly missed.

Donna is survived by her nephews, Bruce (Lois) Smithers of Grand Rapids and Brian Smithers of Grand Rapids; a great-nephew, Dr. Jeffrey (Nancy) Smithers of Belleville, Ill.; a great-niece, Amy (Dennis) Leskowski of Kalamazoo; and three great-great-nieces and nephews, Julius and Aliyah Smithers of Belleville, Ill., and Jacob Leskowski of Kalamazoo.

Donna was preceded in death by her husband, Carl; her parents; and brothers, William and Wayne Smithers.

Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 30, 2009 at Evangel Life Assembly of God Church in Bad Axe with visitation one hour prior to the service. Interment will take place at Colfax Cemetery in Bad Axe.

Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday at Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home in Traverse City.

Memorial contributions in Donna's name can be directed to the T.C. Senior Center Tennis Program or the Salvation Army in Traverse City.

Please share thoughts with the family at Donna's online guest book at www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com.