

Bakke, Florence E.

Florence E. Bakke, 97, of Sebewaing died Sunday, June 15, 2008 at the Huron County Medical Care Facility in Bad Axe following a brief illness.

She was born Jan. 11, 1911 in Sebewaing, daughter of the late Herman C. and Hannah M. (Gremel) Gremel.

Florence had been employed as a beautician for several years, and later at the Michigan Sugar Company in Sebewaing. She then had been employed for Kauffold Hahn Insurance Company for 21 years.

She was a lifelong member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Sebewaing.

She loved her flowers, the outdoors and especially loved her family and her Bible.

She was kind, loving and put others first and she was fiercely independent with a heart of gold.

Surviving are one brother and sister-in-law, Donald and Marion Gremel of Tucson, Ariz.; nieces and nephews, Gerald and Margaret Gremel, Kenneth and Arlene Gremel, Charline Gremel, all of Sebewaing, Robert and Barbara Katzinger of Unionville, Gary and Monica Gremel of Manton, Janet and Michael Horst of Sebewaing, Karen and David Wible of Bardstown, Ky., Kathy and Steve Roberts of Bay City, Susan Gremel of Tucson, Ariz.; and many special great-nieces and nephews; and great-great-nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by one son, Sgt. Larry N. Bakke, killed in Vietnam on June 7, 1969; three brothers, infant Frederick, Roy, and Delbert Gremel.

Funeral service will take place at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, June 17, 2008 at Immanuel Lutheran Church. The Rev. Michael Boyer will officiate with burial in the church cemetery.

Visitation will be from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. on Monday at the Dinkel-Juengel Funeral Home in Sebewaing. She will lie in state from 10 a.m. until the time of service on Tuesday at the church.

Memorials may be made to Immanuel Radio Mission Fund.

Arrangements are being handled by the Dinkel-Juengel Funeral Home in Sebewaing.