

Smith, Leah H.

Leah H. Smith, 80, of Harbor Beach passed away Sunday, Jan. 4, 2009 at the Lakeview Extended Care and Rehab Center of the Harbor Beach Community Hospital.

Born Feb. 3, 1928 in Marine City, she was the daughter of the late Andrew and Addie (Densmore) Anderson.

On May 27, 1950, Leah Mae and Harold Alton Smith married in Marine City, with Harold's father, the Rev. Everett Alton Smith, officiating.

Together Harold and Leah operated the Ben Franklin Store in Imlay City and the Harbor Beach Variety Store for over 25 years. Harold preceded her in death on Aug. 30, 1996.

Leah was a member of the United Methodist Church in Harbor Beach, United Methodist Women, the Harbor Beach Chamber of Commerce, and sang in the Harbor Beach Community Choir. She enjoyed her Wednesday night card games (and others in between), cooking and camping at Sand Lake.

Leah is survived by her children, Pam Semp and her husband, Mike, of Harbor Beach, Susan Buike of Imlay City, Janet Smith and her husband, Greg Gerkin, of Fox River Grove, IL, Sharon Schmalz and her husband, Mike, of Harbor Beach, Mark Smith and his wife, Kelli, of Harbor Beach, and Matthew Smith and his wife, Diane, of Lowell; 10 grandchildren, Brad Semp, Greg Semp, Derek Semp, Shawn Tietz, Kyle Tietz, Zachary Martinez, Gabriel Martinez, Kelsey Smith, Madison Smith and Nolan Smith; eight great-grandchildren, Morgan, Owen, Nathan, Austin, Heather, Matthew, Elizabeth and Caleb.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband Harold; and her siblings, Olga DeValk, Raymond Anderson, Robert Anderson, Andrew Anderson, Charles Anderson, William Anderson, and John Anderson.

Funeral services for Leah will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 8, 2009 in the Harbor Beach United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Paula Timm, officiating. Burial will follow in Rock Falls Cemetery. Visitation for Leah will be from 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday in the Ramsey Funeral Home, Inc. of Harbor Beach and at 10 a.m. until time of services at 11 a.m. Thursday in the church.

Memorials may be given to the Harbor Beach United Methodist Church.