

**Layher, Leona L.**

Leona L. Layher, 99, of Sebewaing, died Saturday, April 26, 2008 at Vadavilla Adult Foster Care Home in Unionville.

She was born May 20, 1908 in Ann Arbor. As an infant she was adopted by August and Emma (Layher) Rohde.

She was baptized and confirmed in Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church in Ann Arbor.

Leona graduated from Ann Arbor High School in 1926. She was employed as a bookkeeper for Stanger Furniture Store and later worked in the City Clerk's Office.

She was united in marriage to Arnold E. Layher June 1, 1930 in Ann Arbor. They then moved to Sebewaing and owned and operated Layher Jewelers for more than 65 years. Mr. Layher preceded her in death on June 4, 1997.

She was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church.

Surviving are one daughter, Joanne Smith; one daughter-in-law, Nancy Layher, both of Sebewaing; six grandchildren, Nancy (Jon) Shackelford, Dale (Jody) Smith, Michael (Michele) Layher, Lisa (Mike) Gremel, David (Tricia) Smith, Michele (Brian) Schember; 14 great-grandchildren; also one sister-in-law, Alice Morton of Marion; and several cousins.

She was preceded in death by one son, Kenneth Layher, one son-in-law, Kenneth Smith.

Funeral services will take place at 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 29, 2008 at Immanuel Lutheran Church.

The Rev. Daniel Hahn will officiate with burial in the church cemetery.

Visitation will be from 2 to 9 p.m. Monday at the Dinkel-Juengel Funeral Home in Sebewaing, and from 10 a.m. until the service time Tuesday at the church.

Memorials may be made to the Immanuel Lutheran Church, Vadavilla Foster Care Home or Visiting Nurse's Hospice.