

**Hands, Bessie R.**

Bessie R. Hands, 89, of Grant Township formerly of Mount Clemens died at her home Monday afternoon, Aug. 27, 2007 of heart failure.

She was born Feb. 21, 1918 in Detroit to the late Theodore and Erna (Schultz) Hoewel.

On Aug. 19 1939, she was united in marriage to Dee J. Hands in Port Huron. He preceded her in death on Sept. 15, 1976.

Mrs. Hands began spending her summers with her daughter in Grant Township shortly after her husband died. She wintered in Florida until 2002, when her health began to fail.

Surviving is her daughter, Judy Zimmer of Grand Township.; a granddaughter; two great-granddaughters; two step-grandchildren; a step-great-grandson and her brother-in-law, Douglas Purdy of New Baltimore.

Preceding her in death was her son-in-law, Melvin Zimmer.

Funeral services will be conducted at 8 p.m. on tonight, Aug. 29, 2007 at the Champagne Funeral Chapel, Elkton where friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today. Graveside services will be at noon on Thursday at Clinton Grove Cemetery, Clinton Township.

Memorials may be directed to the American Lung Association. Words of condolence may be expressed at [www.cfcElkton.com](http://www.cfcElkton.com).

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