

Messing, Rosaline C.

Mrs. Rosaline C. Messing, 95, of Harbor Beach passed away Saturday, April 19, 2008 at the Lakeview Extended Care Facility in Harbor Beach.

Rosaline was born at home in Harbor Beach on Oct. 21, 1912, daughter of the late John and Elizabeth (Bischer) Booms.

Rosaline married Bernard Messing on May 23, 1936 at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Helena. He preceded her in death on May 10, 1991.

Before Rosaline was married, she worked as a house maid in Detroit for seven years. She farmed with her husband for 36 years at their Sherman Township farm on Klug Road. She also worked for Clement Wire and Cable of Minden City, retiring in August of 1972. Rosaline was a member of St. Anthony Catholic Church in Helena for her entire life. She participated in many church activities, including singing in the church chorus for many years. She belonged to St. Anthony's Altar Society for nearly 70 years and was also an active member of the Daughters of Isabella Fidelis Regina Circle # 608 of Bad Axe for over 50 years. Rosaline enjoyed sewing for herself, her family, others and the church. She excelled at designing and sewing quilts. Many of her quilts were given to family members who have treasured them for years. She had a flair for making clothes for her nieces, whose design came from picking a picture out of a Sears-Roebuck catalog ad. She also designed and sewed various church vestments and other church decor. She also enjoyed gardening and taking care of her colorful flower beds, which were admired by all. Rosaline also volunteered her time for over 50 years to collect donations for the local cancer fund drives each year.

For many years, Rosaline's children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren anticipated coming to Grandma's house for Christmas and other holidays for her wonderful and tasty meals. Her family would always follow those meals by sledding down the hills or fishing in the creek at the family farm. She enjoyed a full and active life.

Rosaline is survived by her children, Richard (Ida Mae) of Ruth, Thomas (Judith) of Ransomville, N.Y., Michael (Joyce) of Ubly; one daughter-in-law, Audrey Messing of Ruth; 14 grandchildren, Jeffery (Tammy) Messing, Barbara (Duane) Messing, Marsha Messing, Wade (Mary) Messing, Lisa (Rodney) Braun, Rebecca (Lee) Friend, Eve Messing, Greg Messing, Paul (Theresa) Messing, David (Kris) Messing, Timothy (Monica) Messing, Chris Messing, Ellen (Wes) Guigar, Nick Messing and fiancée Kari Berger; 20 great-grandchildren; and step great-grandchildren, Jennifer, Jason, Justin, Jacob, Adam and Toni Messing, Taylor, Mason, and Jackson Friend, Zackary, Gabriel, Colton, Justin and Ryan Messing, Beau, Brandy and Brady Boyette; one brother-in-law, Clarence Geiger of Harbor Beach; two sisters-in-law, Florence Booms of Bad Axe and Rita Booms of Harbor Beach.

Rosaline was preceded in death by one son, Frederick; six brothers, Roman Booms and wives Theresa and Jenny, Arthur Booms and wife, Henrietta, Wilfred Booms and wife, Estella, Leroy Booms and wife, Helen, Bernard and Leonard Booms; six sisters, Clara Roggenbuck and husband, Leo, Loretta Dropiewski and husband, Frank, Alma Messing and husband, Elmer, Bernetta Messing and her husband, Frank, Emma Geiger, Margaret and husbands Norman Geiger and Edward Maurer.

Funeral Mass will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 23, 2008 at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Helena. The Rev. Joseph Griffin, pastor of St. John Catholic Church in Ubly, will officiate. Burial will be in the St. Anthony Cemetery in Helena.

Visitation will be from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Monday, from 1 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday at the Zinger-Smigielski Funeral Home in Ubly and from 10 to 11 a.m. on Wednesday at the church only. There will be a Daughters of Isabella rosary at 3 p.m. Tuesday and a parish vigil service at 7 p.m. Both services will be at the funeral home.

Memorials are requested to the Family Discretionary Fund.