

Wilson, Esther D.

Esther D. Wilson, 83, of Gladwin, passed away Friday, June 19, 2009 at St. Mary's of Michigan Medical Center in Saginaw.

Esther Della Keller was born July 5, 1925 in Almont to Cleo and Bertha Keller.

She graduated from Almont High School in 1943. She worked at Hurd Lock Co. in Almont.

Esther Keller and Walter E. Wilson, Sr. were married on May 19, 1945. Walter died on Aug. 18, 2002.

Mrs. Wilson attended the First Congregational Church in Almont. She was very active in bowling leagues in Almont; and she was a Cub Scout leader for both of her sons. She loved to cook and to watch the Lions, Tigers and Pistons games, as well as the University of Michigan football team. For many years Esther and Walter spend summers at the family cottage on Wiggins Lake near Gladwin. Esther will be remembered fondly by family and friends for hosting many family picnics and reunions at Wiggins Lake. She will be greatly missed by those who knew her.

Surviving are her sons, Walter E. (Sarah) Wilson Jr. of Bad Axe; her daughter, Kelly (Dr. Alan) Grillo of Hersey; grandchildren, Marie (Delbert) Wilson Cummings of Almont, Kayla, Karri and Alexandra Grillo of Hersey; sister, Ruth (Maynard "Lee") Oxyer of Columbiaville; sister-in-laws, Marianne Keller of Houghton Lake, Inez Weston of Cadillac, Lila Trumble of Rhodes and a brother-in-law, Earl Wilson of Pinconning; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Walter E. Wilson, Sr. in 2002; a son, Shawn R. Wilson in 1982; and brother, Richard Keller in 2008.

Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, June 24, 2009 at Muir Brothers Funeral Home, 225 Main Street, Imlay City. Pastor William Thorn of the Church of the Nazarene in Bad Axe will officiate. Burial will follow in Ferguson Cemetery, Almont.

Visitation with the family will be conducted from 2 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, June 23, 2009 at the funeral home.