

Rueger, Thelma

Thelma A. (Bothe) Rueger, 76, of Auburn died Thursday morning, Jan. 10, 2002, at Auburn Care Center after an extended illness. Thelma was born the daughter of the late Ernest and Inez (Hartley) Bothe on Oct. 2, 1925 in Monitor Township where she resided all her life. She was on the Webster School Board Planning Commission, a 4-H leader, member of the PTA, and a member of St. Bartholomew Ev. Church, Kawkawlin. She loved polka dancing and playing cards. On June 16, 1945, she married Harold W. Rueger. He predeceased her on March 16, 1997. She is survived by three children, Donald and his wife, Penny, of Auburn, Joyce Kiehl and her husband, Richard, of Bad Axe, and Arlene Eichman and her husband, Roger, of Bay City; seven grandchildren, Brian Rueger and his wife, Mieka, Kelly Helmreich and her husband, Roger, William Basner II, Jennifer and Joel Kiehl, and Sabrina and Gregory Eichman; two great-grandchildren, Jacob and Carl Helmreich; four sisters, Lillian Klopf and her husband, Howard, of Bay City, June Jezowski and her husband, Steve, of Auburn, Elaine Witbrodt, and Lucille Hardy and her husband, LeRoy, all of Bay City, and many nieces and nephews. Thelma was also predeceased by one grandson, Jason Kiehl; one brother, Verne Bothe; and one sister, Betty Fischhaber. Funeral and committal services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 14, 2002, at St. Bartholomew Ev. Church, Kawkawlin. The Rev. Fred P. Zimmerman will officiate. Burial will be in Pine Grove Cemetery, Auburn. Visitation will be from 2 to 9 p.m. today at the Auburn Chapel of the Cunningham-Taylor Funeral Homes, Inc., 312 W. Midland Road in Auburn, and from 10 a.m. until the time of service Monday at the church. For those planning an expression of sympathy, envelopes for St. Bartholomew Ev. Lutheran Church and Heartland Hospice will be available at the funeral home.