

Franzel, Merrial M.

Merrial M. Franzel, 88, of Ventura, Calif. passed away Feb. 19, 2009 in Ventura, Calif.

She was born on Sept. 3, 1920 in Eureka, Mont.

She married Earl Franzel on April 25, 1943 in Denver, Colo. He preceded her in death on Dec. 20, 2000.

Merrial met Earl while attending nurses training at St. Luke's Hospital in Denver. While Earl was overseas, Merrial came to live on the farm in Argyle with her new father- and mother-in-law, Bill and Gertrude Franzel. While living on the farm, she worked at Hubbard Hospital in Bad Axe. After Earl was released from the Army in January of 1946, Merrial and Earl returned to Denver, where Merrial worked as a nurse while Earl attended Denver University. While in Denver, their son, Deryl, was born in 1947. Upon Earl's graduation in May of 1949, Merrial and Deryl returned to Michigan while Earl searched for work. In 1950, the family moved to Oxnard and then Ventura, Calif., where they lived the remainder of their lives. Though they never returned to live in Michigan, Earl had thought about it several times. There was always a feeling that it was home and that's where they wanted their final resting place to be, with family.

She is survived by one son, Deryl, and his wife, Margaret, of Ventura, Calif.; grandchildren, Shelly Franzel and Aundrea Hanlon and her husband, Shawn, both of Ventura, Calif., Bernadette Franzel of Felton, Calif.; great-grandchildren, Daisy and Jacob Lopez and Jonah Hanlon, all of Ventura, Calif.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Earl; father and mother-in-law, William and Gertrude Franzel; sister-in-law, Donna Osentoski.

There will be a graveside service at 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 13, 2009 at St. Ignatius Cemetery in Freiburg.

Local arrangements were handled by the Zinger-Smigielski Funeral Home in Ubly.