



Name: Cleopha Marie Buckley

Age: 101

Hometown: Bad Axe

Funeral Date: January 25, 2020

Date of Birth: October 01, 1918

Date of Passing: January 10, 2020

Funeral Home: MacAlpine Funeral Home

Funeral Information

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on January 25, 2020 at St. Hubert's Catholic Church in Bad Axe, Michigan with Fr. Thomas J. Fleming officiating at 11:00 AM. A gathering will be held on January 24 from 4:00 to 8:00 PM with rosary at 7:00 PM at MacAlpine Funeral Home, 302 N. Hanselman St., Bad Axe, Michigan and from 10:00 to 11:00 AM at the church prior to the service. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be offered to St. Hubert's Catholic Church, Bad Axe, Michigan or Southern Care Hospice, Kalamazoo, Michigan. The family wishes to express their appreciation for the care, respect, empathy, compassion, and dignity Cleo received while residing at both Meadow Lane in Bad Axe and Bickford Assisted Living in Portage, Michigan. We would also like to express our thanks and gratitude to all those who have remembered Cleo after leaving Bad Axe. The many prayers, cards, flowers, pictures, memorials and other expressions of love have brought much comfort and joy the past few years. Condolences can be shared at www.macalpinefuneralhome.com

Family of the Deceased

Surviving are her son, Robert of Port Austin, Michigan, daughters Sue Smith and her husband Michael of Brighton Michigan, Kathryn Christ and her husband, David

of Kalamazoo Michigan, and son-in-law, Eric Messerly of Hickory Corners, Michigan. Cleo is survived by six grand children, Brooke (Brennon) Smith, Patrick Smith, Christopher (Rina) Buckley, Andrew Christ, Jonathan Christ, Sarah Christ, two great grand children, Lachlan Smith and Rowan Smith. Cleo is also survived by her sister in law, Maxine Flannery of Bad Axe, Michigan, and former daughter in law, Barbara, of Carolina Beach North Carolina. Cleo was preceded in death by her husband of nearly 50 years, Spencer, daughter, Mary Buckley Messerly, brothers Eugene Flannery, Marcus Flannery, Peter Flannery and sisters in law, Theresa Flannery, Gloria Flannery and Dorothy Sankovic.

Biography

Cleo was born October 1, 1918 in a farm house in Austin Township, Michigan, daughter to Guy and Emma Flannery. Her family moved to Bad Axe, Michigan when she was 5 years old, where her father ran the Buick/Pontiac dealership; later known as Flannery and Sons. She graduated from Bad Axe High School in 1936. She attended both Sienna Heights University and Michigan State University, each for one year, until taking a job with Chris Craft Boat Works in Algonac, Michigan. She later worked in the office of the family car dealership while Spence was serving overseas in the army during WWII. Cleo was married on January 10, 1943, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church; to Spencer Lewis Buckley while he was on weekend leave from the Army. They arrived at the church in a two-seat horse drawn cutter, and after the ceremony a wedding breakfast was served at the bride's home. The bride and groom immediately left for Fort Bragg, North Carolina where they made their first home together. As an army wife, Cleo lived with Spence in six different states during the war. Cleo was a life long parishioner of Sacred Heart Church in Bad Axe. She worked along side her husband at the family business Buckley's Shoes for nearly 50 years, and later with her son Robert. She and Spence enjoyed family and friends for many years at the Lost Lake Woods Club, and were avid members of their monthly Supper Club for 40 years. Family and faith were at the center of Cleo's life. She is well known for her family dinners for all occasions, birthday celebrations and invitational breakfasts; and, always with a warm welcome to all.