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Kathryn Loretta (Ward) Montiegel

MONTIEGEL Kathryn Loretta (Ward) Montiegel, a resident of Grand Rapids since 1982, died March 17, 2009. Kathryn was born in Saginaw, 1927 to the late Elizabeth J. (LaMott) and Leslie A. Ward, Sr. She was their second child and only daughter. Kathryn was a graduate of Arthur Hill High School and St. Mary's School of Nursing. She remained a Register Nurse throughout her entire life. In 1950, Kathryn married Albert Montiegel, also of Saginaw. Kathryn and Albert had three children, Bernard, aka Bert, born in 1951, now living in Alaska, Bartlin, born in 1952, now deceased, and Carla (Arrington), born in 1953, currently living in Georgia. Kathryn was preceded in death by her parents, her son, Bartlin in 1982, her husband, Albert in 1999, her brother, Leslie, Jr. and her brother-in-law, Edward Masker, both of Saginaw. Kathryn is survived by children, Bert and Carla; and her grandchildren, Joseph Montiegel of Grand Rapids and Kathryn Rose Montiegel of Washington, D.C. She is also survived by three sisters-in-law, several nieces and nephews, as well as friends. Kathryn always remembered herself as a child of the Great Depression. Although she received her schooling in Saginaw, she received much of her education during summers on the family homestead gardening and canning vegetables for winter and attending to chickens and eggs raised on the farm. Before marrying, Kathryn worked as a public health nurse in rural Saginaw County. Although she kept her nursing license active, Kathryn was a 'stay at home mom' until her last child graduated from high school. When she and her husband relocated to a small resort they bought near Greenbush on northern Lake Huron, Kathryn returned to public health nursing. In 1982, following the death of their second son, both Kathryn and her husband retired to Grand Rapids. Kathryn and her late husband were devoted Lutherans and members of St. Luke's Lutheran Church of Grand Rapids. A memorial liturgy for Kathryn will be held at St. Luke's Church, E. Beltline Ave. Grand Rapids, 2 p.m. Saturday, March 21, 2009. A reception at the church will immediately follow: friends as well as relatives are invited to attend. Together with the ashes of her late husband, Kathryn's ashes will be interred at a date yet to be determined this coming summer. Arrangements by: Memorial Alternatives 2432 Fuller NE, 363-3700