



Maxine M. Barker

August 15, 1915 - August 23, 2008

Maxine Margaret Barker, of Grand Ledge, age 93, died August 23, 2008, born August 15, 1915, in Grand Ledge, Michigan.

Maxine graduated from Grand Ledge High School in 1933, and retired from Central Fuse Plant after 20 years of employment.

She has been a long time member of the Methodist Church, and a past Worthy Matron of Grand Ledge #14 Order Of The Eastern Star.

She will be greatly missed by her family which was the center of her life. Maxine dearly loved Grand Ledge and formed many lasting friendships. She enjoyed going to Gun Lake, the many family reunions over the years, and playing bridge with her many dear friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Burton and Emma Gates, by her husband, George A. Barker (former Lansing City Treasurer and Grand Ledge City Assessor) brothers and sisters: Ford (Anna) Gates; Francis (Harold) Schaibly; Russell (Helen) Gates; Floy (Henry) Shane; Donna (Gerald Elsie, Whitey Lower, Grant Liske); Grace (Orson) Hemingway; Max Gates; Robert Gates and L.R. (Nancy) Gates.

Surviving are her sons George G. (Katherine) Barker of Okemos; Robert D.

(Darlene) Barker of Gun Lake. Her grandchildren, Kristina Barker of West Bloomfield; Jeffrey Barker of Grand Haven; Karyn (Joshua) Newton of Potterville; Rebekah (Paul) Downing of Lehigh Acres, FL; Robby Barker of Gun Lake; Randy Barker of Harrison. Her great-grandchild, Luke Downing. Sister in law, Martha Gates, and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, August 27, 2008 11:00 a.m., at the First United Methodist Church of Grand Ledge with The Reverend Molly C. Turner and The Reverend Betty Smith officiating. Visitation is from 2 – 4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. on Tuesday at the Holihan-Atkin Funeral Home, Grand Ledge. Interment to follow at Oakwood Cemetery, Grand Ledge. Those desiring may make contributions to First United Methodist Church of Grand Ledge.

Tribute Wall



“ Our Aunt Maxine was a remarkable person. We always enjoyed spending time with her. She consistently displayed a positive outlook on life. She also demonstrated a fun-loving attitude toward whatever was going on around her. We also appreciated her knowledge of our family and her ability to answer any questions we had about family members. I do not think Aunt Maxine's ability to make apple pies can ever be duplicated. She was a master at making the most flavorful apple pies and the moistest crusts possible. They would just melt in our mouths, and we savored each bite. Aunt Maxine will be greatly missed. Her ability to persevere no matter what her circumstances has been a very positive example to her many nieces and nephews. We love you Aunt Maxine. We look forward to seeing you again someday in heaven. Love, Connie and Doug##imported-begin##Douglas and Connie Ide##imported-end##

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“ Our deepest sympathy, although there's never enough time, may you feel some consolation in the amount of years she lived, and that she had hobbies close to the end. I remember that she didn't forget her prayers, let's continue that.##imported-begin##Tom and Marlene Romzek##imported-end##

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