



## Bernice E Merrill

February 9, 1925 - May 10, 2012

PORTAGE: Bernice E. Merrill, age 87, of Portage, formerly of Lexington, died Thursday, May 10, 2012 in her home.

She was born February 9, 1925 in Point Lookout, Arenac Co., daughter of the late John T. & Fern (Lounsbury) Brackenbury. She and Ray F. Merrill were married December 31, 1943 in Port Huron. He died March 9, 2004.

Bernice was a member of Community Baptist Church, Crosswell.

She is survived by her son, Gary (Shirley) Brackenbury of Adrian; three daughters, Linda Ferrier and Mary (Dan) Jones all of Portage, and Gail (Paul) Krecji of Deerton; grandchildren Matthew, Timothy and Jeff Domsic; Joshua and Aaron Gonzales, and Melissa Ferrier; Tammy, Shellie, Jodi and Carmen; one sister Gerry Osborne and a sister in law Wanda Sawdon. Ten great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a grandson Jason Gonzales, a sister Betty Parker and a brother Leonard Harrington.

Funeral services will be 11 A.M. Tuesday, May 15 in the Community Baptist Church, Crosswell. The Rev. Rich Eckelbarger will officiate. Burial will be in Washington Cemetery, Carsonville.

Visitation will be held from 5 to 9 P.M. Monday at the Pomeroy Funeral Home, Crosswell; and at the Church from 10 to 11 A.M. Tuesday. Memorials are suggested to the Church or Hospice Care of Southwest Michigan, Kalamazoo.