



Betty J. DeCocker

August 19, 1921 - May 25, 2013

Lexington-Betty Jean (nee Challis) DeCocker, age 91, passed away Saturday May 25, 2013 at Marwood Manor, Port Huron. She was a resident of Lexington since 1962, was born in Detroit on August 19, 1921, to the late Edwin and Allie (nee Schnell) Challis. She married Albert DeCocker on February 9, 1946. He preceded her in death on August 25, 2010.

Betty was a member of St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Lexington. She graduated salutatorian of her class in 1939 from East Detroit High School and worked most of her life as a self-employed bookkeeper and income tax consultant. Betty spent many years as a member of a bowling team in Lexington Heights and enjoyed gardening, especially her raspberry patch. She loved Detroit Tigers baseball and recently watched every game. She knew all of the players by name, and always had a favorite player, typically a hardworking, low profile infielder who she'd refer to as "my boy."

One of her favorite hymns was "In the Garden." It was through gardening that she met many of her neighbors and other friends. She spoke often of their kindness and was grateful to them for supporting her so that she could continue to reside independently at her Lexington home.

Betty is survived by her son Gary (Pamela) DeCocker, her daughter Dianne Kemp; grandson Bradley (Christine) Kemp, granddaughter Bethany, and great grandchildren Chelsea and Miles Kemp.

She was preceded in death by her siblings Earl Challis, Ruth Harris, and Virginia Olmstead, as well as her grandson Matthew.

Funeral Services will be held 2 PM Monday May 27 at the Pomeroy Funeral Home, Lexington. The Rev. Barry Sheldon will officiate. Burial will be in the Lexington Cemetery.

Visiting will be held 1-2 PM Monday.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the March of Dimes, Port Huron, Michigan.