

Wilberding, Mary Anna Moeggenberg 1918 - 2010



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Mary Anna Wilberding, 92, of Midland, died Sunday morning, April 25, 2010, at MidMichigan Stratford Village. She was born Feb. 26, 1918, in Shepherd, daughter of the late August and Gertrude (VorderLandwehr) Moeggenberg. Raised in Shepherd, Mary attended Sacred Heart Academy in Mt. Pleasant and was married to Frank Wilberding on June 22, 1938, in a double ceremony with her sister, having married twin brothers.

Mary was employed by Midland Public Schools, Town and Country Nursing Home, and was a published poet, songwriter, and author of a children's book. She enjoyed her family and showed her love through her hugs, cards and letters she sent and her cooking, gardening, and entertaining. Her travel and visits around the globe, kept her in touch with her large extended family and friends.

Mary is survived by her children and their spouses, Rosella and Robert Mikols, Rita and Leon Stanley all of Midland, Roger and Connie Wilberding of Flint, Ruth Ann Kendziorski of Midland, Leo Wilberding of Beaverton, Frank and Cindy Wilberding of Midland, Mary Jane Eicher of Ann Arbor, William Wilberding, Therese and Jesse Fitzgibbon all of Midland, Barbara and Robert Haddix of Linwood, Richard Wilberding of Midland, and Lori and Patrick Murphy of Sanford; 29 grandchildren; 35 great-grandchildren; brothers, Vincent Moeggenberg, Cletus (Elsie) Moeggenberg, Fr. Raymond Moeggenberg, John (Marge) Moeggenberg, Jim (Sue) Moeggenberg, George (Sue) Moeggenberg, and Dave (Jean) Moeggenberg; sisters, Florence (Bill) Frayer, and Roselene Moeggenberg; and sister-in-law, Eleanor Moeggenberg. In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by her two sons, Edward and Albert; a brother, Paul Moeggenberg; sisters and brothers-in-law, Paulina (Henry) Wilberding, Marcella (Edward) Schaeffer, and sister-in-law, Hester Moeggenberg.

Mary's family wishes to thank the staff at MidMichigan Stratford Village and MidMichigan Home Care for their care and compassion shown to their mother during her stay.

The funeral liturgy will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Thursday, April 29, 2010, from the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church with Fr. Raymond Moeggenberg, Deacons John Moeggenberg and John Wilberding officiating. Mary's family will receive friends at the Ware Smith Woolever Funeral Home, 1200 W. Wheeler St. on Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m., with a vigil for the deceased at 7 p.m. There will also be visitation at the church on Thursday morning from 10 a.m. until time of mass. Private family interment will take place in St. Vincent DePaul Cemetery in Shepherd. Those planning an expression of sympathy are asked to consider the MidMichigan Stratford Village or MidMichigan Home Care.