



Jean A. Hamel

November 8, 2011

Jean A. Hamel 91 of St. Ignace passed away Tuesday afternoon, November 8 at Mackinac Straits Hospital peacefully with her family at her side. She was born November 20, 1919 in Port Huron to Michael L. and Mildred (Cavanaugh) O'Flaherty. She graduated from Cooley High School and MaryGrove College in Detroit with a degree in teaching. She taught 2 years, and went back to college to study nursing in the nurse cadet program and received a degree at Francis Payne Balton Nursing School in Cleveland. She then received a Masters in Nursing. She was an RN and worked at Mackinac Straits Hospital after raising a family. She was a Charter Member of the Mackinac Straits Hospital Aux.; Civic League; bridge club; Den Mother for Cub Scouts #127; loved to Square Dance and round dance; bowling league and golf league; St. Ignatius Loyola Catholic Church and St. Ann's Altar Society and sang in the choir. She will be missed by her family and all who knew her. The family moved to St. Ignace in 1947, before the original Mackinac Straits Hospital was built and were pioneers in that project.

On April 13, 1946 she married Dr. Herbert E. Hamel in Long Beach, California and he died January 30, 2009. Her family, Dr. Herbert Jr. "Tex" and Pat Hamel, Petoskey; Tom Hamel, St. Ignace; David Hamel, Ypsilanti; Carolyn Hamel, St. Ignace; ; grandchildren, Kate, Genna; Molly and John Brother in law, Harry Dreffe, Clio; ; brother and sister in Law, Glen & Helen Hamel, Mt. Pleasant. She was preceded in death by a sister, Norrene Dreffe and her husband.

Graveside services were held on Thursday, November 10 at 2:30 pm at St. Ignatius Cemetery with Fr. Pawel Mecwel officiating. She was buried beside her husband, Dr. Hamel. A memorial service will be held later. Memorials may be directed to Mackinac Straits Hospital or St. Ignatius Church with envelopes available from Dodson Funeral Home who assisted the family with arrangements.

Tribute Wall



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