



Mabel Ball-Pechta

August 27, 2010

Mabel Ball Pechta, 98, of Moran went to be with her Lord and Savior August 27, 2010 at the Mackinac Straits Hospital Long Term Care surrounded by her loving family.

She was born on December 25, 1911 to Ephraim Alvin (Allie) and Lula Ellen Shipley Ball in Anderson, Indiana. She married Harry A. Pechta, October 11, 1935 in Toledo, Ohio and he preceded her in death December 24, 1991.

Mable lived all her life in the Ozark, Moran area. She graduated from Sault Saint Marie High School. Mrs. Pechta attended Ferris Institute and taught school in Moran for one year. She and her husband Harry operated Pechta's Market and Hardware in Moran for 26 years. She was an active lifetime member of the Ozark Grace Brethren Church serving as treasurer for over 30 years. Mabel was an avid crafter. Her pictures, known as "Mabels", now reside in homes all over the United States. She enjoyed her garden and canned thousands of jars of vegetables, jams and jellies. She was named "Homemaker of the Decade" for 1974-1984 by the Mackinac County Fair and her yeast cinnamon rolls were renowned among friends and family.

She was preceded in death by her husband Harry, her parents, brother Clyde Ball, and sisters Mildred Wells, and Edith Sherman-Steffen, and one grandchild Sean Murphy.

She is survived by her sisters: Thelma Funderburg, Niles, Michigan; Gladys Malette, Sault Sainte Marie, Michigan; and brother, Alvin Ball, Trout Lake, Michigan.

Mabel is survived by her children: Shirley (Gerald) Coleman, Mystic, Connecticut; Gayle (Robert) Murphy, Larwill, Indiana; Ross (Jon-Jay) Pechta, Hillsdale, Michigan; Allan Neil Pechta, Everett, Washington; and Vernon (Karis) Pechta, Lisle, Illinois; grandchildren: Natalie Coleman (Jeff) Wilkinson, Glenna Coleman, Melissa Coleman (Curtis) Higar, Erin Murphy (Stuart) Freimuth, Elizabeth Pechta (John) Kalusniak, Emily Pechta (Jeff) Wood, Laura Pechta, Jonathan Pechta, Steven (Amanda) Pechta, Meredith Pechta, Joni Pechta (Joe) Pirone; and sixteen great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be at Dodson Funeral Home from 4-8 p.m., 240 McCann St, St. Ignace, Michigan, on Monday, August 30. Funeral Services will be at the Ozark Grace Brethren Church at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, August 31, 2010. There will be a visitation beginning at 10 a.m. prior to the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be given to Ozark Grace Brethren Church, 22994S Church Rd. PO Box 212, Moran, MI 49760, or to the charity of the donor's choice.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mabel Ball-Pechta*

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



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“ *As Mabel's family you are very blessed. Mabel lived her life close to Jesus, walking with Him day by day. She was a great example of one who understood what it meant to "pray without ceasing". She spent much time in the Word and confronted me with questions which would come to mind through her reading. I was always happy to help her find the answers because it was important that she know & understand God's truth. Now she could answer my questions.*

Chip & Peggy Jones - August 30, 2010 at 08:31 AM

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“ *What a lady! Words cannot describe how she served the Lord in so many different ways all these years. As well as being Jim's aunt, she was my mom's teacher (Anna Mae Beaudoin) for that one year she taught - connected to so many people in so many ways. She will be greatly missed by relatives, friends and her church family at Ozark. We rejoice to know that she is home with the Lord Jesus & with family members & friends who have proceeded her. We shall see her soon!*

Jim & Judie Sherman - August 29, 2010 at 03:19 PM

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“ *We extended our prayers and thoughts to all the family at this time. We met Mabel through her daughter, Shirley Coleman and remember her fondly when we were invited to their house at special times of the year when Mabel visited them. She was a very special person who loved the Lord with all her heart.*

Cindy and Michael Ashton - August 29, 2010 at 12:24 PM

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“ *We share our love with the family. We have many memories of her love for heaven. Her desire to study the WORD. Not accepted church to being canceled but finding another church to attend for that service.
Many homemade buns, breads, yummy food all shared with love at her table. It seemed like the more the merrier. She was a very special loving lady. We will miss her greatly.*

Mike and Judy Ostrander - August 29, 2010 at 11:54 AM