



BOWEN - Mildred M. Bowen, 99, of Belding, passed away early Sunday morning, July 12, 2009 at her home. Mildred was born June 30, 1910 in Ionia County, the daughter of Peter and Emma (Krupp) Rittersdorf. She was married November 23, 1937 in Belding to Everett Bowen and he preceded her in death on March 25, 2003. She was a member of St. Mary Catholic Church and was very active in the church's activities. Mildred liked to play cards and Bingo and enjoyed going to the casino. Her and her husband also loved to square dance and went to many area square dances. She was an excellent cook and made great cookies. Mildred was a hard working farmer's wife and was filled with patience and compassion. She deeply loved, and was loved by, her adoring family. Mildred is survived by two daughters, Ruth and Sam Lombardo of Saranac and Betty and Tim White of Gowen; four sons, Keith Bowen of Belding, Leo and LeeAnn Bowen of Saranac, Roger and Jill Bowen of Lowell and Ernest and Robin Bowen of Lowell; 20 grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death, in addition to her parents and husband, by a sister, Irene Rittersdorf and a brother and sister-in law, Clarence and Eva Rittersdorf. Mass of Christian Burial will be held Wednesday, July 15, 2009 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary Catholic Church, Miriam with Fr. Fred Brucker presiding. Visitation will be Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the Johnson-Feuerstein Funeral Home, Belding where Rosary will be prayed at 7:30 p.m. Interment will follow in St. Mary Catholic Cemetery. Memorial contributions can be made to the Hospice of Michigan or the Belding Area Food Pantry. Envelopes are available at the funeral home. To leave a message of condolence or sign the online guest book please visit the website of the funeral home www.jffh.com.

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