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Deceased Name: BERNADINE L. **RITTERSDORF**

AUTO WORKER, DEVOTED CHRISTIAN

Bernadine L. Rittersdorf, 82, died unexpectedly Thursday at Penobscot Bay Medical Center in Rockport after a bilateral aneurysm burst on Wednesday. Born in Byron Township, Mich., she was one of seven children of Christian and Mary Hagerty Steffes.

On Aug. 13, 1938, she married Louis Rittersdorf at Belding, Mich. They lived many years in Ionia, Mich., where she brought up her children. She was a longtime assembly person with the Ypsilanti-Reed Factory (later, the A.O. Smith Factory), a subcontractor for General Motors. She retired in 1970.