



MARIE E. TAHTINEN

January 2, 1922 - May 31, 2008

MARIE ELIZABETH TAHTINEN, 86, of Troy, MI. and formerly of Baraga passed away Monday, March 10, 2008 at Troy Beaumont Hospital. She was born in Baraga on January 2, 1922 the daughter of the late Moses Joseph and Exilia Mary (Sylvester) Bellaire Sr. Marie attended school in Baraga. In 1940 she married Donald Tahtinen at St. Ann's Catholic Church, Baraga where she was a member. Together they owned and operated a dairy and vegetable farm in Baraga. Donald passed away on March 31, 2002. Marie enjoyed berry picking, baking and cooking for friends and family. She especially loved spending time with her children, grand and great grandchildren who meant so much to her. Marie was a fun loving person with a good sense of humor and a very big heart. Her compassion and concern for others was often expressed and through her deep faith, she sent prayers on behalf of those she loved and cared for. She will be deeply missed by family and friends. Mrs. Tahtinen is survived by her loving family; daughter, Nancy Marie (Robert) White of Troy, MI., grandchildren, Michelle (Paul) Cote of Troy, MI., Debra (Greg) Gasko of Warren, MI., and Kevin (Dana) White of Sterling Heights, MI., great grandchildren, Alexis and Austin Gasko, and Zachary White, sisters, Jeannine Pelto of Baraga, and June (Hal) Allm of Lawton, Oklahoma, and sisters-in-law, Pearl (Alvin) DeBoer of Escanaba, Gladys Bellaire of Green Bay, and Beatrice Bellaire of Redford, MI. Numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends also survive. She was preceded in death by her brothers, Albert, Moses, Aldrick, Richard, Lawrence, William, and Nelson, and sisters, Pearl (Milton) Rantanen, Priscella (Edwin) Tahtinen, and Norraine "Emmy" (Lou) Kosturik. A memorial Mass for Mrs. Tahtinen will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 31, 2008 at St. Ann's Catholic Church, Baraga with Father George Maki, celebrant. Interment will take place in the Baraga Cemetery. The family will receive friends at the church on Saturday from 10 a.m. until time of the Mass.

Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Nancy:
I remember your mother and father well. It was your dad that helped my dad put up telephone poles, plant cabbage, grind grain and all the things that neighbors do to help each other. Your mother was always welcoming and a great friend to our family. I'm sorry to hear of your loss.

Jerry

Gerald Pieti - May 29, 2008 at 04:21 PM

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“ *I was so very sad to hear of Auntie's passing. I only got to work with Auntie and Uncle one summer planting cabbage. While I treasure those memories, my fondest memories of Auntie were when I would go visiting with my dad or my sister-in-law Rox. We would go down and see Auntie and she always had some kind of home made something to eat. I will keep you all in my prayers. God Bless*
- Love Cheryl

Cheryl (Bellaire) Armstrong - March 14, 2008 at 01:59 PM

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“ *I spent many hours planting cabbage with Marie and Donald. I have the fondest memories of her stories of our family. Being one of the younger nephews, I never had the opportunity of getting to know you kids but I will say that while Uncle Donald drove the tractor, Auntie and I would talk. These are my fond memories and we all have them of Marie. You are all in my prayers. God Bless. Charlie*

Charlie Bellaire - March 13, 2008 at 02:49 PM

MI

“ *Nancy & Bob, So sorry to hear of Marie's passing. Mark and I were just thinking and talking about Marie last night. We think of your parents often when we drive by their old homestead on Froberg. I remember all my talks with Marie, her concern for people and her strong faith were a great inspiration to me. She is home now and suffers no more. You both are in our thoughts and prayers, take care and we will see you this summer at Marie's memorial service.*
God bless you both!

Mark & Laurie Irwin - March 10, 2008 at 07:46 PM