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Mary Alice Herman

SUTTONS BAY — Mary Alice Herman, 69, of Suttons Bay, passed away Monday, Jan. 19, 2009, at Cleveland Clinic, surrounded by her loving family.

Mary Alice was born in Suttons Bay on May 4, 1939, to John and Mary (Pobuda) Moe. Her stepfather, Walter Stowe, was also a part of her life for many years.

On Aug. 22, 1959, in Suttons Bay, she married her high school sweetheart, Gerald Robert Herman, who survives.

Family meant everything to Mary Alice. Love for her family guided her daily actions and her heart. Mary Alice loved any occasion that brought her family together and was a loving wife, mother and grandmother, completely devoted to her family and to her faith. She spoiled her family with her love for cooking and baking, attending her children's and grandchildren's school and sporting events, as well as with her talent as a seamstress. Mary Alice touched many lives, always caring for others in anyway they needed, whether it was cooking for people she knew in the area or running errands for those that were not able to do so for themselves.

She loved children and ran a day care out of her home for many years. She loved baking, sewing, scrap booking, and was famous for her lemon meringue pies and homemade bread.

Mary Alice is survived by her loving husband of 49 years, Gerald; two sons, Bryan (Kris) Herman of Interlochen and Mark (Jo) Herman of Suttons Bay; a daughter, Marsha (Mike) Antal of Saline; a stepbrother, Douglas Stowe; a stepsister, Delores Couturier; four grandchildren; three step grandchildren; and two step great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; stepfather; two brothers, Harold "Jim" Moe and Ludwig Moe; and a sister, Carol Livingston.

Visitation will be held today, Jan. 23, from 4 to 8 p.m., with the rosary to be prayed at 7 p.m., at the Martinson Funeral Home of Suttons Bay. The Mass will be held Saturday, Jan. 24, at 11 a.m., at St. Michael's Parish of Suttons Bay. Burial will be in St. Michael's Cemetery in the spring.

Memorials may be directed to St. Michael's Parish, PO Box 9, Suttons Bay, MI 49682 and/or to the American Heart Association, 3940 Peninsular Dr., Ste. 180, Grand Rapids, MI 49546.

Arrangements are with the Martinson Funeral Home of Suttons Bay.