

From the Tuesday, March 16, 2010 edition of the Ludington (Michigan) Daily News:

BEGNOCHE MARY HELEN loved reading, crossword puzzles and summers on the shores of Lake Superior's Whitefish Bay in Paradise, Michigan. For more than 50 years -- first with her husband Donald and their children -- and later grandchildren and great-grandchildren -- she enjoyed their place and time at the lakeshore and the company of friends and family. A patient mother and a gracious hostess, Mary liked tea in the afternoon, a glass of wine in the evening, "Jeopardy" and a spirited game of Scrabble. Mary died at her Garden City home March 14 with a book at her side. Born February 13, 1924 in Detroit to her Irish parents, Edward A. and Essie Ann (Hughes) Tisdall, she was a graduate of St. Theresa High School, Detroit. She married Donald A. Begnoche on July 6, 1946 in Detroit. He preceded her in death March 16, 1992. She is survived by her sister, Patricia (Lanny) Ross of Kerrville, Texas. Brothers, Edward J. Tisdall and Gerald Augustin Tisdall preceded her in death.

Also surviving are her children, Catherine (Bruce) Smith of East Lansing; Robert Terrence (Linda) Begnoche of Farmington Hills; John (Joyce) Begnoche of Warren; Stephen (Brenda) Begnoche of Ludington; Christine Begnoche of Petoskey; Maureen (James) Scherphorn of Rochester Hills; and Daniel (Kelly) Begnoche of Harbor Springs. She is survived by grandchildren Sarah (Ray) Guenther of Gurnee, Ill.; Madeleine Smith of MA; Arwen Begnoche of Farmington Hills; Michelle Begnoche of Washington, D.C.; Renee (Doug) Saba of Aurora, Col.; Nicole (Tyler) Iteen of Scott Air Force Base, Illinois; Ryan Biehl and Erin Biehl of Petoskey; Joseph, Benjamin and Thomas Scherphorn of Rochester Hills; Elyse, Nicholas and Marissa Begnoche of Harbor Springs; and great-grandchildren Samantha and Jeremy Guenter. She was a member of St. Raphael's Catholic Church, Garden City. Visitation Wednesday 2-9p.m. with a 7p.m. Scripture Service at the John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home, 1139 Inkster (Between Ford Rd. and Cherry Hill.) In State Thursday 9:30a.m. until a 10a.m. Mass at St. Raphael Catholic Church, 31530 Beechwood (at Merriman Road, 2 blocks north of Ford Rd.). The family suggests memorials to Capuchin Soup Kitchen in lieu of flowers.