

FLORENCE EDNA SOUTHWORTH

1903 - 1999

Florence E. Southworth, daughter of the late William and Elizabeth (Zinnecker) Striffler was born in Argyle, on February 12, 1903. She went to be with her Lord, Tuesday, April 27, at the age of 96 years.

Florence spent her childhood in Cass City and graduated from Cass City High School in 1919, an accomplishment few women did at that time. She worked at the Cass City Chronicle for a year before attending Eastern Michigan University, earning her teaching certificate and taught for two years.

On July 12, 1922, she was united in marriage to George Southworth at her parent's home in Cass City. Following their marriage they lived in California until 1930, when they moved back to Michigan and bought the farm northeast of Elkton. He preceded her in death June 6, 1986.

She was a member of the Elkton United Methodist Church, teaching Sunday school there many years. She was also active in the Elkton Women's Civic Club, Elkton Senior Citizens and Huron County Farm Bureau. She had held county, district and state offices in the Farm Bureau Women's Organization. Florence also served several terms on the Elkton Board of Education and was active in the work of the Cancer Society.

Surviving are two daughters, Dorothy (Ray) Wakefield of Adrian and Doris (Charles) Leipprandt of Caseville; her son, Duane (Celia) Southworth of Flint; daughter-in-law, Bette Southworth of Elkton; 16 grandchildren, 3 step grandchildren; 28 great grandchildren; 5 step great grandchildren and 3 great great grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her son Donald and his son, her grandson, Kerry Southworth; three brothers and four sisters.

Funeral services will be conducted 2:00 PM Sunday, May 2, at the Elkton United Methodist Church. Rev. Pete Crawford, pastor will officiate with entombment in the Colfax Cemetery Mausoleum.

Memorials may be given to the Elkton Civic Center or the church.