

Hartman, Nola G.

Nola Gladys Hartman, 92, of Fort Myers, Florida, passed away Tuesday, January 31, 2006, at Shady Rest Care Pavilion in Fort Myers, Florida. She was born in Wakefield Corners, Colfax Township, Bad Axe, on December 31, 1913, one of nine children born to Melvin and Grace (Wakefield) Dean. She was married and divorced from Roy Neal Hartman. Nola worked for Merritt McBride in the bar in Pigeon (now Main Street Cafe). She then managed the lunch cafe, which eventually became Elsie's Cafe. When Merritt McBride became sheriff of Huron County, Roy and Nola purchased the bar from him, and lunches and alcohol were served there in the 1940s. Her next job was managing the kitchen and dining room at the brand new Scenic Golf & Country Club in 1950. As this was a seasonal job, when an offer was made in 1953 to run the Irwin Hotel on the corner next to Kritzman's in Bad Axe, she accepted. She then left the area, taking a position as supervisor at General Motors on Grand River in Detroit. She then moved to Ann Arbor, accepting a job as supervisor at the Michigan union. Following that, she worked as supervisor of the dining room and kitchen at Sherwood on the Hill in Gagetown, then to the Bella Vista in Caseville in the same capacity, and then on to the Port Austin Radar Station as a civilian cook, until her retirement in 1970. She is survived by one son, Roy James and Margaret Ann Hartman, of Pigeon; two grandchildren, Stacie Lynn and Robert Kingsbury, of Livonia, and Michael Warren and Dawn Hartman, of Canton; two great-grandchildren, Olivia Lynn Hartman and Gregory Michael Hartman; three sisters, Ellen Knight, of Greensboro, North Carolina, Ada Binder, of Pigeon, and Marjorie Koslowski, of Flint; one brother, Ray Dean, of Harrison. She was preceded in death by five brothers and sisters. A private graveside service was conducted on May 6 at Colfax Cemetery in Bad Axe.