

# ELOISE J. DENEEN

## 1919 - 1994

Eloise J. Deneen, 74 of Elkton, passed away Saturday, Jan. 8 at Huron Memorial Hospital, after a long battle with heart disease.

She was born Oct. 3, 1919 in Caro, daughter of the late Albert and Bertha (Phellaplace) Abka. She was united in marriage to James Deneen in Ohio on June 4, 1947.

Mrs. Deneen received her teaching certificate from County Normal in Tuscola County, where she taught for many years in rural schools. She later received a bachelor's degree in education from Central Michigan University. Mrs. Deneen became the first special education teacher in Tuscola County in the early 1960s in the Caro School system. She had also taught in the Akron-Fairgrove and Essexville Schools, retiring in 1975.

The couple moved to Elkton in 1978, where they attended the Community Wesleyan Church. She was also a member of the AARP and Michigan Education Association of Retired Teachers.

Surviving are her husband, James; her son, Lee (Carol) Deneen; two grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; one foster daughter, Bulah Cookmaster of Portage; one brother, George (Betty) Abka of Caro and one sister, Vile (Warren) Brannum of Flint.

Two brothers, Ronald Abka and Hazen Abka preceded her in death.

Funeral services will be conducted Tuesday, Jan. 11 at 11 a.m. from the Champagne Funeral Chapel, Elkton. Rev. DeWeerd Smith, pastor of the Community Wesleyan Church, will officiate with burial in Faverside Cemetery, Elkton.

Visitation took place on Monday and will continue Tuesday from 9 a.m. until the time of service at 11 a.m.

People wishing to express their sympathy through a memorial may consider the Elkton Ambulance Service.