

Lorencz, Althea G.

Althea Geraldine Lorencz, 84, of Owendale, passed away Thursday morning, June 5, 2003, at her home surrounded by her loving family following a one-year battle with cancer. She was born June 26, 1918 at Colling, the seventh of 13 children born to the late Carlton and Jessie (Andrews) Winchester. In 1932, Althea graduated from Frenchtown School. She worked at several small industrial factories during World War II. In 1949, she started working at Owendale Automotive Industries where she met her husband, John. They were united in marriage May 24, 1952 and recently celebrated 51 years together. She was a member of the Colwood Church of United Brethren in Christ, Caro, for the last 10 years. She was a past member of the Owendale United Methodist Church. She enjoyed teaching Sunday School and was involved in many other church activities most of her life. Her love for God was demonstrated by her love and service to her family, friends and church. She was an inspiration to all who knew her. She also enjoyed baking, cooking, helping on the farm, spending time with her grandchildren, and hosting family and friends. The family would like to thank United Hospice Service of Marlette for their wonderful supportive care the last three months, as well as family, friends, pastors and church family. She is survived by her husband, John, of Owendale; four children, Joseph Lorencz and his wife, Virginia, of Hayward, Calif., Cynthia Bennett and her husband, Douglas, of Dearborn, Michael Lorencz and his wife, Lynn, of Owendale, and Timothy Lorencz and his wife, Georgina, of Plymouth, Minn.; and 10 grandchildren; three brothers, Carlton Winchester of Cass City, William Winchester of Gagetown, and Gerald Winchester and his wife, Betty, of Gagetown; two sisters, Gwendolyn Sommers of Bad Axe and June Farnum and her husband, Willis, of Owendale; and many sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by three brothers, John Winchester, C.L. Winchester, and James Winchester; four sisters, Norma Fournier, Beulah Hobart, Jane Hudson and infant sister Margaret. The funeral service will be conducted at 11 a.m. Monday, June 9, 2003, at the Colwood Church of the United Brethren in Christ, Caro, with the Rev. Phil Whipple, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Elmwood Township Cemetery. Visitation will be from noon to 9 p.m. today at the Meyersieck-Bussema Funeral Home in Pigeon and from 10 a.m. until the time of service Monday at the church. Memorials for Mrs. Lorencz may be made to Positive Alternatives, the Gideons, Colwood Church of the United Brethren in Christ, or United Hospice of Marlette.