

**Roth, Helen W.**

"I'd like to live to 90, and then that's enough," she said many times over the years. So saying, Helen W. Roth, 90, left for heaven on Oct. 12, 2008 in Tawas City.

She was born Feb. 23, 1918. She was the youngest daughter of the late John and Ida (Compton) Fournier of Gagetown. In 1939, she married Burton Roth and moved to a farm near Owendale. When Burton died in 1979, she moved to New Port Richey, Fla. In 2003, she returned to Michigan to be closer to her family.

Teaching, first in rural schools in Huron and Tuscola counties, then in the Owendale-Gagetown system, was the highlight of her life. Second graders were her favorites; she took special pride in teaching them cursive writing. In retirement in Florida, Helen loved volunteering at two thrift shops. Consequently her family received many interesting "Mother boxes".

Helen maintained an active interest in current events, particularly politics. In fact, during her last week of life, she asked for and cast an absentee ballot.

In addition to her parents and husband, Helen was preceded in death by two brothers, Preston (Jack) and Lynwood Fournier and two sisters, Stella (Marie) Fogarty and Myrtle Smale.

She is survived by her daughter, Sherrie (Randolph) Brown of Tawas City; her son, Dick (Pam) Roth of Caseville; two granddaughters, Mary (Bryon) Graf of Caseville and Kristen (Levi) Zagorski of Bay City; and three special great-grandsons, Thomas and William Graf and Stephen Zagorski. Funeral service for Helen will be conducted at Grant Township Cemetery at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 15, 2008, with Pastor John Gunden officiating.

Visitation will be from 3 to 8 p.m. Tuesday in the Meyersieck-Bussema Funeral Home in Pigeon. A luncheon will follow the service at Owendale United Methodist Church.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to the Rural School Museum at the Octagon Barn or Heartland Hospice Memorial Fund of West Branch.

Helen-Mother-Nana has gone from our sight but will remain always in our hearts and memories.