

Cleland, Margaret

Margaret Cleland, 93, of Ubyly, passed away Thursday, June 9, 2005, at her home after a long illness. She was born on April 20, 1912 at home in Sanilac County to Ernest and Annie (Nicol) Pelton. She married Alexander Cleland on May 26, 1933 in Peck. He died May 21, 1970. Margaret was a true pioneer. She did what had to be done on the family's Centennial Farm. She would put up fencing, pour concrete, work in the fields, do necessary carpentry work; whatever needed to be done, Margaret did it. In later years, as she became wheelchair bound, she still continued to run her household and manage beautiful gardens. Margaret loved her vegetable and flower gardens and enjoyed sewing. She is survived by her children, Robert Cleland, of Cheboygan, Jean Osentoski Cleland, of Cass City; grandchildren, William Cleland and his wife, Lori, Robert Cleland, David Matthews and his wife, Laurie, Mark Matthews and his wife, Chris, Stacey Lehman and her husband, Dennis; great grandchildren, AJ Cleland, Heather Cleland, Caroline Lehman, Tracey Popham, David Matthews, Jeremy Matthews, Elizabeth Matthews; special niece, Carol Laming, of Ubyly; sister, Naomi Wallace, of Cass City; several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her brothers, Jack Pelton and Frank Pelton; brother-in-law, Raymond Wallace. Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. today, June 12, 2005, in the Kranz Funeral Home with Rev. Ellen Burns, of Shabbona United Methodist Church, officiating. Interment will be in the Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City. Pallbearers for Mrs. Cleland are Robert Cleland, Dick Wallace, David Matthews, Mark Matthews, William Cleland and Eric Soderberg. Visitation will be from 2 to 3 p.m. on Sunday at the funeral home. Family and friends may share memories, prayers and stories with the family at www.kranzfuneralhome.com.