

Crawford, Bernice

Bernice Crawford, of Frankenmuth (Independence Village), passed away Wednesday, November 30, 2005. Born Bernice Nash in Detroit in 1905, she spent most of her life in Huron County, where she attended grade school in Grindstone City and was a graduate from Bad Axe High School in 1923. After attending Western State Teacher's College in Kalamazoo, where she received a two-year life certificate, she earned a B.A. degree from Central Michigan University in Mt. Pleasant. Schools in which she taught were Huron City, Port Hope, Jackson, Owendale, Elkton, and Unionville. In 1931, she married Duncan Crawford who preceded her death in 1980. In 1982, she moved from their farm home in Gagetown to Independence Village, a retirement home in Frankenmuth. While there, she organized the Sunday Night Song Session and composed the "Village Song." She was a member of the Frankenmuth United Methodist Church. Surviving are two granddaughters, Lauren Doll, of New York, New York, and Linda (Andy) Jacobs, of Ridgefield, Connecticut; two great-granddaughters, Allegra and Justin; and one son-in-law, Richard Doll, of New York, New York. One daughter, Christine Doll, preceded her in death in 2001. The funeral service will be at 10 a.m. on Friday, December 2, 2005, at the United Methodist Church, 346 Vates Street, in Frankenmuth. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. until the time of service on Friday at the church. Cederberg Funeral Home of Frankenmuth has assisted the family with the arrangements. Those wishing to give memorials may consider the American Red Cross or the Frankenmuth United Methodist Church.