

DeLong, Lucile

Lucile M. DeLong, 76, of Cass City took her final journey homeward bound on Friday, May 17, 2002. She died in her home with her family by her side. She was born Aug. 24, 1925, in Gagetown to Howard and Cecil (McConkey) Loomis. She married Donald DeLong on Oct. 5, 1946, in Gagetown. He died on Jan. 7, 1985. Lucile attended Bay City School of Nursing after her graduation from high school. She worked for Dr. June McRae for many years, helping to deliver many babies. She worked for the Cass City Public Schools as a bus driver for 28 years, Lucile drove the Amish school bus for many years, also. She was an active member of the Novesta Church of Christ, the O.E.S. and 4-H. She served on the Novesta Township Board and was a charter member of the Thumb Draft Horse Association. Lucile is survived by her children: Francis DeLong and his wife, Sharon, of Cass City, Duane DeLong and his wife, Denise, of Kingston, Connie Benitez and her husband, Manuel, of Cass City, Richard DeLong of Cass City, Robert DeLong and his wife, Kathy, of Cass City, Donna Lenhard and Dr. Larry Seale of Cass City; 15 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren with the 11th due soon; sisters, Dorothy Murray and her husband, A.J., of Williamston, Shirley Kritzman and her husband, Irving "Bud" of Millersburg, Ind.; brothers, Donald Loomis and his wife, Anita, of Cass City and David Loomis and his wife, Joyce, of Cass City; many nieces and nephews, friends and neighbors. She was preceded in death by her grandson, Paul Robert DeLong on Sept. 30, 2000. Funeral services will take place at 11 a.m. on Monday, May, 20, 2002, at Novesta Church of Christ in Cass City with Chuck Emmert officiating. Interment is in Novesta Township Cemetery. Visitation is from 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. today at the Kranz Funeral Home in Cass City and from 10 to 11 a.m. Monday at the church. Pall bearers for Mrs. DeLong will be her grandchildren. Memorials may be made to the Paul DeLong 4-H Fund or the charity of the donor's choice.