

McCallum, Ila M.

Ila M. McCallum, 79, of Grant Township, died Friday evening, Jan. 8, 2010 at Courtney Manor, Bad Axe.

She was born March 1, 1930, at the home of her parents, the late Clifford and Emma (Gardner) Morley, in Oliver Township.

On Feb. 14, 1948, she was united in marriage to Olson McCallum at the Owendale Community in Christ Church. She and Olson had a very loving family, serving as foster parents for many children and adopting three of them. They started the Active Credit Union (now Team One) in the early seventies and ran it out of their home for five years before it was moved into Elkton in the current Huron Youth Center. Olson preceded her in death March 5, 1998.

Ila lived in the Elkton-Owendale area all her life. She was a very active member of the Owendale Community in Christ Church and Women's Group. She was an avid gardener and a member of the National Audubon Society.

Surviving are five children, Larry (Grace) McCallum of Port Austin, Dennis (Elizabeth) McCallum of Houston, Texas, Rosie McCallum-Hebert of Grand Rapids, Suzie (Philip) Cochrane of Walkerton, Ontario and Michelle (Keith) LaLacheur of Ruskin, Fla.; nine grandchildren, Scott, Jody, Jennifer, Dalen, Josh, Spencer, Trevor, Sydney and Nathan; five great-grandchildren, Austin, Hailey, Haddee, Kara and Eva; three sisters, June Osantoski of Bad Axe, Lucille (Dale) Wells of Lake Odessa, and Shirley (Bob) Sams of Essexville; and her brother, Bob (Margie) Morley of Cass City.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, Jan. 11, 2010 at the Owendale Community in Christ Church. Elder Ervin Haley officiated with burial in Grant Township Cemetery.

Memorials may be directed to the church. Words of condolence may be shared at www.cfcElkton.com.