



Thelma Ida Western Dibble age 102, of Bad Axe, Michigan passed away on Friday, October 5th, 2018.

Thelma was born on November 16, 1915 in Bad Axe, Michigan to the late Frederick Seymour Western and Christena Maude Bowman Western. She received her diploma from Bad Axe High School in 1933, a Bachelor of Science Degree from Central Michigan University in 1937 and taught four years in the Bad Axe Public Schools. Thelma married Robert William Dibble on September 8, 1940 and the couple continued to live in Bad Axe where they owned and operated The Dibble Stores, Inc, a chain of variety stores located in Bad Axe, Caro, Big Rapids, and Gaylord Michigan.

Robert predeceased her on May 18, 1990. Thelma was also predeceased by a son, Thomas Western Dibble, former mayor of Bad Axe, October 11, 2009. Thelma is survived by a daughter, Doris Riecker (Frederick) of Greenwood Village, Colorado; daughter-in-law Janet Dibble of Bad Axe; as well as five grandchildren: Anna Dibble of Tucson, Arizona; David Dibble and Elizabeth Dibble of East Lansing, Michigan; Robert Riecker (Meghan) Parker, Colorado; Richard Riecker of San Jose, California; a great-grandson, Benjamin Tynan Riecker of Parker, Colorado.

Thelma was a lifelong member of the First United Methodist Church, a former member of the American Association of University of Women and the Bad Axe Women's Club. She was a devoted daughter, wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend. Her hobbies included reading, bridge, and her rose garden. Thelma's family is most grateful to the wonderful staff of Meadow Lane Assisted Living in Bad Axe where she spent her final years and received marvelous care! Her family also appreciates the many thoughtful gestures from her friends which greatly enhanced her final years!

A Memorial service for Thelma will take place at the United Methodist Church in Bad Axe, on Monday October 15th, 2018 at 2:30 PM, with the Rev. Philip Tousley officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to the First United Methodist Church, 216 East Woodworth Street, Bad Axe, Michigan or the Bad Axe Public Library, 200 South Hanselman Street, Bad Axe, Michigan.