

Stellmacher, Erma

Erma Pratt Stellmacher, 88, of Drummond Island and formerly of Elkton, died Tuesday morning, March 18, 2003, at War Memorial Hospital in Sault Ste. Marie. She was born on March 31, 1914 in Saskatchewan, Canada to the late John and Shara (Meuma) Atkinson. When she was 9 years old, she moved with her family to a farm in Grant Township. She grew up on that farm and was courted by the boy next door, Josiah "Bill" Pratt. They were married in 1932, and in 1942 they had a son, Jim. Bill preceded her in death in 1955. On Sept. 2, 1968, she was united in marriage to Frank Stellmacher in Flint. He also preceded her in death on Aug. 9, 1988. Erma lived in Elkton until 1998, she then moved to Drummond Island to be near her family. Erma was a member of the Elkton Missionary Church. She is survived by her son, Jim Pratt and his wife, Connie, of Drummond Island; three granddaughters, Janice Dohring, Jane Scherret and her husband, Kevin, and JoAnn Kern and her husband, Kurt; 13 great-grandchildren, Kayla, Matthew, Kevin Jr., Tyler, Michael, Amanda, Courtney, Elizabeth, Jamie, Ashley, Breanna, Tiffany and Katelynn; three sisters, Jenny Stokes of Goodrich, Esther Rulhuff of Arlington, Wash., and Lucille Conrad of Columbus, Ohio; and brother, George Atkinson. She was preceded in death by a brother, Frank. Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 22, 2003, at the Elkton Missionary Church. The Rev. Reggie Courliss, pastor, will officiate with burial in Elkland Township Cemetery in Cass City. Visitation will be from 4 to 9 p.m. on Friday at the Champagne Funeral Chapel in Elkton and from 10 a.m. until the time of the service on Saturday at the church. Memorials may be given to the church. Friends may sign the guest book at www.CFCelkton.com.