

Pearce, Lorraine

Lorraine Pearce, 90, of Zeeland, died Monday, May 14, 2007, in Holland Hospital, Holland. She was born April 19, 1917 in Cass City to Milton and Edith (Vader) Hoffman. She married Keath Pearce in 1941. He died June 17, 2000. Lorraine graduated from Michigan State College (MSU) in 1940 with a bachelor's degree in Home Economics. After her marriage, she managed and kept the books for her husband's veterinary business, Pearce Veterinary Hospital in Coldwater. Lorraine sang with the Coldwater Sweet Adeline's for over 50 years, many of those years serving as their costuming chairperson. She was a member of MSU's Alpha Gamma Delta sorority, Coldwater's Beta Sigma Phi sorority and an auxiliary member of Southwest Michigan Veterinary Medical Association. Lorraine was very artistic and creative and an extremely talented seamstress. She was a voracious reader and loved music. She was the chaperone, for many years, for the Miss Branch County Pageant, providing mentoring and guidance to the contestants. Lorraine loved attending her granddaughters' many different school activities. Lorraine is survived by her children, Marc Lee Pearce, of Longmont, Colorado; Lynne (Christopher) Miller, of Zeeland; granddaughters, Lindsey Lee Miller, of Zeeland, Sara Elizabeth Miller, of Zeeland; brother, Arlington "Barney" (Ruth) Hoffman, of Cass City; nieces, Gail Ian, of Northville, Robin (Jon) Rice, of Caro; nephews, Kell (Shirley) Hoffman, of Cass City, and Randy (Kim) Hoffman, of Harrisonburg, Virginia. The funeral service will be conducted at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, May 16, 2007, in Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with Debra L. Kranz, Funeral Service Celebrant, officiating. Interment will be in Elkland Township Cemetery. Visitation is from 1 to 2 p.m. on Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the Hospice of Holland, 270 Hoover Boulevard, Holland, Michigan 49423. Family and friends may share memories, prayers, and stories with the family at www.kranzfuneralhome.com.