

Mendel, Helene E.

Helene Eleanor Mendel, 83, of Sebewaing, died Wednesday morning, January 19, 2005, at Wyandotte Henry Ford Hospital following a long illness. She was born April 19, 1921 in Port Huron to the late Peter and Flora (Parker) Kivel and grew up in the Elkton/Pigeon area. On May 13, 1950, she was united in marriage to John F. Mendel in Monroe. They lived in the Lincoln Park area most of their married life. After his retirement in 1969, they moved to Rose City, returning to the Thumb in the mid-1980s. John preceded her in death on December 17, 1986. Helene moved back to Lincoln Park for awhile; then to Sebewaing in 1999. She always enjoyed being with her family and friends. Surviving are three children, Lloyd Geiger and his wife, Pam, of Brownstown, David Geiger and his wife, Sue, of Pigeon, and Nancy Yuchuck and her husband, Ken, of Trenton; 12 grandchildren; many great-grandchildren; and three sisters, Reatha Laurence and her husband, Frank, of Sebewaing, Doris Dickerson and her husband, Archie, of Harbor Beach, and Frieda Esch and her husband, Clayton, of Pigeon. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Donna Rideout; a son, Daniel Geiger; three brothers, Orville, Oscar, and Bill Kivel; and a sister, Janet Kivel. The funeral service will be conducted at 2 p.m. on Saturday, January 22, 2005, at the Champagne Funeral Chapel, Elkton. The Rev. Thurman Holmes, pastor of Downriver Baptist Church, Wyandotte, will officiate with burial in Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. until the time of service on Saturday at the funeral home. Memorials may be given to the donor's choice. Words of condolences can be left at www.cfcElkton.com.