

Hazel, Helen

Helen Margaret Hazel, 91, of Harbor Beach passed away Monday, Dec. 24, 2001, in the Fraser Villa Living Center in Fraser as a result of colon cancer. She was a former resident of Warren, and a loving wife, mother, and grandmother. She was born in Harbor Beach on Feb. 13, 1910, to the late Rubert and Marie (Hunter) Reid. She and Max Thompson of Parma were united in marriage in Harbor Beach on Sept. 1, 1934. He preceded her in death on May 11, 1971. On Aug. 10, 1980, she married her high school sweetheart, Russell Hazel, of Harbor Beach in Warren. He preceded her in death on Jan. 17, 1987. Helen graduated from Harbor Beach High School in 1927 and received a general teaching degree from Eastern Normal College in 1929. She also earned bachelor's and master's degrees in education from Wayne State University in 1956 and 1960. Her teaching career, with second and third grades being her favorites, included service in the Keego Harbor, Farmington, and Van Dyke districts between 1929 and 1968. She was a member of the Delta Kappa Gamma Honorary Education Society, the Michigan Retired Public School Teachers' Association, the Harbor Beach Women's Club, the Harbor Beach Garden Club, the Grice House Heritage Association, and the Harbor Beach First Presbyterian Church. Surviving are her son, Dennis Reid Thompson and his wife, Nancy, of Sterling Heights; two grandchildren, Steven Ray Thompson of Osaka, Japan, and Susan Opal Thompson Schigur of Broomfield, Colo.; twin great-granddaughters, Cali Camille Schigur and Ella Bea Schigur; two stepsons, Donald James Hazel and his wife, Cathy, of St. Clair Shores and Richard Lee Hazel and his wife, Judy, of Clio; four step-grandchildren, Donald Hazel Jr. of Roseville, Dianna Hazel of St. Clair Shores, and Matthew Hazel and Cheryl Hazel Moore of Flint; three step great-grandchildren, Justine Spence, Tyler Moore, and Madison Hazel of Flint. Helen was preceded in death by two sisters: Harriett Delacourt, and Miriam Hartshorn. Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 27, 2001, in the Ramsey Funeral Home in Harbor Beach. The Rev. Theresa Cutler will officiate. Burial will be in the Rock Falls Cemetery. Visitation will be from 1 p.m. until the time of services at the funeral home. Memorials may be given to the Macomb Community College Foundation.