

### **Kilpatrick, Murel**

Murel Kilpatrick, 88, died at her home in Ypsilanti on Jan. 28, 2001. She was born to Mary and James Kilpatrick on July 31, 1912, at Grindstone City. She attended Huron County Normal School before earning a B.A. Degree from Eastern Michigan University and a Master's Degree from the University of Michigan. A distinguished educator whose career spanned 42 years, she began teaching in 1931 in one-room school houses in Huron County. After stops in Marysville and Belleville, she found her long-term home at the Lincoln Consolidated High School where she taught and trained student teachers as a faculty member of the Education Department at Eastern Michigan University. She spent the last 3 years of her career teaching at Pioneer High School in Ann Arbor before retiring in 1973. She was a founding member of the Michigan Council of Teachers of Mathematics and served terms as both vice president and president. After retiring she spent her time between her home in Ypsilanti, the family farm in Grindstone City and her winter home in Lakeland, Fla. She had a passion for teaching, mathematics and American history and was a lifelong avid Detroit Tigers fan. Even with declining health limiting her activities during her past few years, her intellect, humor and spirit never failed. She is survived by a sister, Lottie Parker, of Ann Arbor. She was preceded in death by sisters Stella, Annabell and Essie; and brothers Sherman and Clarence. Services were held at the Muehlig Funeral Home in Ann Arbor on Thursday, Feb. 1, 2001, followed by interment at the New River Cemetery in Huron County.