

Neiger, Grace

Grace Margaret Neiger, 93, of Luther, departed this life on Sunday, January 25, 2004, in Luther, surrounded by her loving family. Grace Rockentine was born on February 28, 1910 in Royal Oak to Henry and Bertha (Hagelstein) Rockentine. She graduated from Oak Ridge High School in Royal Oak in 1928 and married Lawrence A. Neiger on June 24, 1933. Following 67 years together, he preceded her in death on June 10, 2000. Grace and Lawrence raised their children in Berkley. They moved to Caseville on Lake Huron in 1970 to spend their retirement years. Grace had been living with her son, David and his wife, Karen, in Luther since 2000. Grace and Lawrence were long time members of the Caseville United Methodist Church and the United Church of Christ in Royal Oak. Grace was an inspiration to all who knew her. Grace loved her family and was dedicated to taking care of their needs. She loved life, the Word of God, her family, desserts and shopping. She will always be remembered with love by her family and friends; children, David Neiger and his wife, Karen, of Luther, and Richard Neiger, of Unionville; grandchildren, Lorie Raven and her husband, Ron, of Luther, Robert Neiger and his wife, LaDina, of Smyrna, South Carolina, James Neiger and his wife, Amanda, of Ardmore, Oklahoma, Steven Kitchen and his wife, Amy, of Evart, Brian Kitchen, of Grand Rapids; great-grandchildren, Patricia, Megan and Matthew Raven of Luther, Tony, Amber, Abby, Jesse, and Ben Neiger of Smyrna, South Carolina, Michael and Bailey Neiger, of Ardmore, Oklahoma, Matthew Johnson, of Reed City, Taylor Fleese, of Rochester, Dylan Kitchen, of Evart; a new great-grandchild expected this week; and sister, JoAnne Smeekins and her husband, Peter, of Berkley. Grace was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Lawrence; sisters, Alma, Laura, and Lenora; and brother, Donald. A memorial service will be conducted at 1 p.m. on Saturday, January 31, 2004, at the Luther United Methodist Church with Pastor Nelson Hall officiating. Family greeting time will begin at noon. Interment will be in the spring at the Caseville Cemetery in Caseville where she will be laid to rest next to her husband. Memorials may be made in Grace's name to Hospice of Michigan. The family trusted arrangements to Verdun Funeral Home and envelopes will be available. The funeral home phone number is (231) 745-4680.