

O'Dell, Emily A. E.

Emily Adele Elmer O'Dell, 80, of Port Austin, died suddenly and unexpectedly on Thursday evening, October 7, 2004, at Huron Medical Center in Bad Axe. Known as "Emy Del" by many friends, she was born in New York City on December 27, 1923. Her early years were spent in Westfield, New Jersey. She attended Mary Baldwin College in Staunton, Virginia. She married Willet Herrington O'Dell on September 6, 1947 in New Jersey. The couple lived in many homes including New York, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Illinois, Georgia, and New Jersey. Emy Del was very active, loved to travel and enjoyed managing her homes, raising her children, and doing kind deeds for others wherever she was. Emy Del suffered a stroke on March 8, 1998 that paralyzed her right side and left her unable to speak. This was especially frustrating to someone who so loved life, reading, and communicating with people. But despite being confined to a wheel chair, she still managed to radiate happiness and to travel extensively throughout the USA visiting old friends. When home, Emy Del enjoyed her favorite pastimes, sunning herself, collecting ceramic turtles, perusing catalogs, and watching sports on television. Emy Del is survived by her husband, Willet; two children, Hunter O'Dell, of Salida, Colorado, and Emily Robbie, of Boulder, Colorado; four grandchildren, Jason Robbie and Christian Robbie, of Boulder, Colorado, Lissa Robbie, of Flagstaff, Arizona, and David Robbie, who is attending Syracuse University. Donations in Emy Del's memory may be made to the Port Austin or the Bad Axe public library. Cremation has taken place. A memorial service celebrating her life and the joy she brought to so many will be conducted at a future date. Knoblock Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.