

# WINIFRED M. THIBODEAU

## 1909-1994

Winifred M. Thibodeau, 85, formerly of Sebawaing, died Wednesday, Sept. 21, in Pontiac.

She was born Winifred Schear in Sebawaing on Jan. 27, 1909 and was baptized in Trinity Methodist Church. The family later moved to Unionville where she graduated from Unionville High School. She graduated with her teaching degree from Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant, and her first teaching position was in a one-room school in the Sebawaing School District, where her students ranged from Grades 1-8.

In 1948 she and Eustace Thibodeau were married and they moved to Pontiac. There she took a teaching position at McConnell Elementary School, and continued teaching for more than 20 years. She received many commendations for her teaching abilities. With the help of her sister, she made Christmas cookies for every student every year she taught.

Mr. Thibodeau preceded her in death in 1971.

Surviving Mrs. Thibodeau are one sister, Annie Parker, one brother and sister-in-law, Lewis O. and Laura A. Schear, a sister-in-law, Grace Schear, and a brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Hank and Lucille Petrazak, and several nieces and nephews, grand-nieces and grand-nephews.

The funeral service took place Saturday, Sept. 24, in Donelson, Johns and Evans Funeral Home, Pontiac, with Dr. Dale M. Miller officiating. Interment was in White Chapel Memorial Cemetery.