

RUTH E. WILLIAMS

1903-1993

One of Sebawaing High School's longtime former teachers, Ruth E. Williams, died Sunday, April 4, in Schnepf's Nursing Home, Alma, following an illness of several years.

She was born in Isabella County on Sept. 7, 1903, the daughter of Harry and Stace (Conley) Williams. She was graduated from Midland High School, earned her Life Certificate and AB Degree from Central Michigan University, and began her teaching career in Isabella County.

In her years as a teacher and administrator, she taught in Lothrop, Berkley, Melmore, Vestaburg and Nashville, before entering the U.S. Army in 1942. Following the end of the war in 1945, she resumed teaching.

Miss Williams came to Sebawaing in 1947 as an English and Latin teacher and became high school principal and teacher in 1950, which she continued until retiring in 1965.

As principal/teacher, she divided her time teaching English and Latin and as administrator. She is well-remembered in the Thumb as a firm disciplinarian and highly-respected teacher. She was known for her continuing correspondence with many of her former students, friends and associates. Following retirement she spent many years as a volunteer at Alma Hospital.

Surviving are four sisters, Kate Guillet of Midland, Anne Woods of Florida, Helen Engels of Saginaw and Jean Comen of Merrill, and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by five brothers and two sisters.

A memorial service has been planned tentatively for Saturday, April 17, probably at Schnepf Funeral Home, Riverdale. The Newsweeky will carry an announcement in next week's edition.