

Hunter, Opal E.

Opal E. Hunter, 86, of Mayville, died Thursday, March 29, 2007, in Covenant Medical Center Cooper Campus, Saginaw, following a short illness. She was born March 17, 1921 at home in Tuscola County to Roy E. and Kathryn (McTavish) Durkee. She married Clayton R. Hunter on January 27, 1940. He died January 26, 1976. Opal graduated from Kingston High School in 1937. She attended County Normal in Caro to get her teaching certification. Soon after, she began teaching in Smith School and later in West Dayton School. Both schools were located in Dayton Township. In 1959, Opal started working at Caro State Hospital as an attendant nurse. About ten years later she started working for Tuscola County Probate Court as a case worker later becoming County Juvenile Officer. She retired in 1986. After retirement, she served as Dayton Township Clerk for 12 years. Opal had a natural ability for playing the piano. She played with a "swing" style creating a unique sound. She played at many functions including church and Eastern Star functions. Opal was a lifetime member of the Order of the Eastern Star. She enjoyed cross stitching, knitting, and crocheting. Opal loved spending time with her friends and playing dominoes with them. She was a wonderful mother and grandmother and enjoyed every moment with her family. Opal is survived by her daughters, Rebecca (Loren) Helmreich, and Karen (Robert) Roberson, both of Mayville; grandchildren, Diana Roberson, Lisa (Sam) Mosher, Shawn Roberson, Bobbi Roberson, Todd (Lacey) Roberson, Aubray Helmreich, Andrew Helmreich; great grandchildren, Chrystena, Jessica, Tony, Zac, Lauren, Braden, Dezerick, Jordis and Malawi; great great grandchildren, Madisson, Dominick, Keetan, and Lillieyannah; many nieces, nephews and friends. She was preceded in death by her sisters, Doris Durkee Nicol, Avis Durkee Starr, Ethel Curry Seddon, Lola Curry Ross. A funeral service will be conducted at 2 p.m. today, April 2, 2007, in Kingston United Methodist Church with the Rev. Richard Brown officiating. Interment will be in Indianfields Township Cemetery, Caro. Visitation will be from 1 to 2 p.m. today at the church. Memorials may be made to Kingston United Methodist Church. Family and friends may share memories, prayers and stories with the family at www.kranzfuneralhome.com.