

Herman, Irma

Irma Eileen Herman, 94, of Minneapolis, passed away August 11, 2004. Irma was born in Gladwin on August 12, 1909, and grew up in Bad Axe, graduating from Bad Axe High School in 1927. Irma spent all of her summers at Oak Beach through 1996. During her long and rich life, she positively influenced countless people, young and old. Following graduation from Eastern Michigan University, Irma pursued a teaching career, spanning over 40 years beginning in a one-room school house. During the 1960s her innovative program of art, drama and music in the Flint Public Schools was copied in numerous school systems across the state. Her creation, "The Sun Rise Singers," remained a tradition in the Flint schools for decades. Irma was a life-long member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and enjoyed writing poetry and reading in her later years. She will be greatly missed by her numerous friends and admirers. Irma is survived by her son, Dean Herman, his wife Sandra, granddaughter, Chauncey, all of Minneapolis; nieces, Pat Ann White and Sharon Frances; nephew, Curt Rice. Irma is preceded in death by her husband, Dean Herman, Sr.; her parents, Herbert and Effie Dow, of Bad Axe, siblings Edson, Ethel, Veva and Russell. A graveside service will take place at 10 a.m. on Monday, August 16, 2004, at Lakewood Cemetery in Minneapolis. Memorials may be made to Hennepin Avenue Methodist Church.