

### **Mary Barr Beardsley 1921- 2004**

Mary B. Beardsley, age 82, of Cass City died Monday afternoon, October 18, at her home with her family at her side, while under hospice care.

She was born October 27, 1921 at the home of her parents, the late David and Retha (McHugh) Thornton in Greenleaf Twp., the very same home where she was living.

On October 13, 1940, she was united in marriage to Merle Beardsley at the church parsonage near Cass City. Merle died Christmas Day 1975 from injuries sustained in an auto accident.

After raising her family, Mary worked out of the home several places, including being an election official in Greenleaf Twp. many years, but was primarily a caregiver to several people in the area. She enjoyed gardening fishing and just being outdoors. Her favorite past times were crocheting, making beautiful afghans for friends and family.

Surviving are two children, Rose Mary Wills of Cass City and David (Elizabeth) Beardsley of Dryden; former daughter-in-law, Michelle Beardsley of Lapeer; thirteen grandchildren and their spouses, Joe & Tammy, Mike & Sheila, Tami & Calvin, Tim & Ginger, Steve & Sandy, Debra & Dave, Angie & Roger, Brady & Lori, Jason & Patty, David & Julie, Connie & John, Trinity, and Michael; twenty-two great grandchildren, Nicci & David, Joe Jr. & Samantha, Mandy & Jason, Jessica, Autumn, Jennifer & Andrew, Brandon, Josh, Timothy, Frederick, Heather & John, Courtney, Merle, Chrystal, Paul, Samantha, Silas, Jamie, Chandler, Trent, Tom and Michael; seven great-great-grandchildren, Micah, Tyler, Taylor, Kailey, Andrea, Jasmine and Lindsey. Also surviving are two brothers, Harvey (June) Thornton of Antioch, CA and Harold (Wanda) Thornton of Lacy, W A.

Preceding her in death was a son Merle, her granddaughter, Janice Wills, a great grandson, Nicholas Wilson, her sister, Margaret Cole and two brothers, William and Roy Thornton.

Funeral services were conducted 2:00 PM Thursday, October 21, at the Thabet Funeral Home, Cass City. Rev. J. T. Mabe officiated with burial in Elkland Twp. Cemetery.