

Sparling, Dorothy

Dorothy M. Sparling, 82, of Vassar died Thursday, Dec. 19, 2002, at her home. Dorothy was born Aug. 15, 1920 in Bad Axe, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William and Lydia (Etzler) McIlhargie. She and Vaughn "Bud" Sparling were united in marriage on Aug. 3, 1946 in Bad Axe. Dorothy graduated from Saginaw Business Institute. She then went to work as an accountant at Huron County Department of Social Services. Dorothy was promoted and served as director for 10 years before her retirement in 1964. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Bad Axe and attended the Vassar First Baptist Church after moving to Vassar. She enjoyed needle work and was an avid reader. Surviving are her husband, Vaughn "Bud" Sparling; daughter, Barbara Dobulis and her husband, John, of Charlevoix; five grandchildren, Michael Dobulis and his wife, Julie, David Dobulis, Stephanie Engelman and her husband, Jeff, Katie Still and her husband, Joe, John Lashuay and his wife, Kara; seven great-grandchildren, Crystal, Karl and Rebekah Still, Stephan, Jonathan and Jared Engelman, Benjamin Dobulis; sister, Marjorie Saldana of Saginaw. She was preceded in death by her parents; daughter, Sandra; brother, Clayton; three sisters, Hazel, Gertrude and Mildred. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 23, 2002, at the Vassar First Baptist Church with Pastor Douglas Stockwell officiating. Burial will be in Colfax Township Cemetery in Bad Axe. Visitation will be from 2 to 6 p.m. today at the Martin Funeral Home, Clark Chapel, top of the hill in Vassar and from 10 a.m. until the time of service at 11 a.m. Monday at the church. Memorials may be made to Millington Library, Hospice of Hope or Vassar First Baptist Church. Envelopes are available at the funeral home or at the church. Friends may share a memory with the family at the funeral home or online at www.martinfuneralhome.com.