

## **Rapson, Grace**

Grace E. Rapson, 86, of Caseville died Sunday, Aug. 20, 2000, at Spring Wind Assisted Living Facility in Laramie, Wyo. She was born Oct. 23, 1913, at the home of her parents, the late James and Annie (Lockman) Walsh. On Oct. 24, 1942, she was united in marriage to Merle Rapson in Kenosha, Wisc. They were together for 56 years until his death on April 23, 1998. They lived their summers along the shores of Saginaw Bay and wintered with their many friends in North Fort Myers, Fla. Mrs. Rapson was a schoolteacher most of her life. She taught kindergarten to eighth grade beginning in one-room country schools in Huron County and later in the Bay City School District, retiring to Caseville in 1972. Grace moved to Laramie in March 1999 to be nearer her son, David and his wife, Shelley, for health reasons. She was a very active member of St. Roch Catholic Church, Caseville. She lived at Spring Wind Assisted Living Facility, where she made many friends and enjoyed the warm senior community atmosphere and professional care. Surviving in addition to her son and his wife are four nieces, Pat Goretski of Kinde, Marguerite Ross of Northville, Ann Larabelle of Port Austin, and Irene Flanagan of Livonia. She was preceded in death by three brothers and a sister, Willard Walsh, John (Jack) Walsh and Thomas and Irene who died at birth. A funeral Mass will be conducted at 11 a.m. Friday, Aug. 25, 2000, at St. Roch Catholic Church, Caseville. The Rev. Fr. Dennis Kucharczyk will officiate with burial in St. Felix Catholic Cemetery. Visitation will take place after 10 a.m. Friday at the church. Memorials may be given to Hospice of Laramie or St. Roch Church. Champagne Funeral Chapel in Caseville handled arrangements.