

Francis, Mabel

Mabel V. Francis, 85, of Cass City died Tuesday, Aug. 13, 2002. She was born on June 26, 1917, in Deford to Harvey and Vina (Spencer) Palmateer. She married James Walmsley on Dec. 24, 1938, in Pontiac. He died March 7, 1945. She married Harold J. Francis on May 6, 1948, in Wilmot. He died on April 29, 1969. Mabel was a postmaster at the Deford Post Office for many years. She was also a member of the V.F.W. Auxiliary of Caro for more than 50 years. She enjoyed crossword puzzles, reading, and raising eight children. She enjoyed being with her children and grandchildren, also. Mabel is survived by her children, Nancy Watkins and her husband, Robert, of Ovid, Janet Thomas of Pompano Beach, Fla., James Walmsley and his wife, Pam, of Atlas, Carol Rutkoski and her husband, LaVern, of Cass City, Patsy Longuski and her husband, Dennis, of Cass City, Harvey Francis and his wife, Karen, of Cass City, Dennis Francis of Cass City and Vera Glass and her husband, Jack, of Colorado Springs, Colo.; stepdaughter Virginia Beaulieu; 12 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; sisters, Leota Anthes of Cass City, Alma Darbee and her husband, Willard, of Caro and Marion Frederick and her husband, Raymond, of Nevada; brother, Carl Palmateer and his wife, Joyce, of Cass City. Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Friday, Aug. 16, 2002, at Kranz Funeral Home in Cass City, with the Rev. George Ward of Cass City United Methodist Church officiating. Interment is in Novesta Township Cemetery. Visitation is from 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the Rawson Memorial Library.