

Smith, Lillian

Lillian R. Smith, 83, of Port Austin died Monday morning, March 20, 2000, at American House in Lincoln Park. She was born May 27, 1916, in Detroit to the late George and Rose (Hoffmeyer) Eitel. On Aug. 27, 1936, she was united in marriage to James Ray Smith in Flat Rock. Mrs. Smith worked as a bookkeeper at the Red Star Credit Union in Detroit, retiring in May 1975. That year they moved from Madison Heights to their place in Port Austin, where they had been coming since 1947. Her husband preceded her in death that year on Sept. 17. She was a member of the United Protestant Church in Port Austin, the Caseville Eagles and a charter member of the Port Austin U & I Club, serving as treasurer until her health failed. Surviving are two daughters, Lois Mabrey and her husband, Ken, of Allen Park, and Janet Branham and her husband, Marvin, of Madison Heights; four grandchildren, Lorraine Wagner and her husband, Jimmey, Kenneth Mabrey, Anthony Branham and his wife, Michelle, and Eric Branham; a great-granddaughter, Monica Branham; two sisters, Gertie Hinchman of Caseville and Shirley Helisek of Dearborn; and her brother, Jake Eitel and his wife, Phyllis, of Sebring, Fla. Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m. Thursday, March 23, 2000, at the Champagne Funeral Chapel, Caseville. The Rev. Robert Garrett, pastor of the United Protestant Church, Port Austin, will officiate with burial in the Port Austin Township Cemetery. Visitation will be 2 to 9 p.m. Wednesday and after 11 a.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials may be given to Hospice of Southeast Michigan, the Alzheimer's Association or the church.