

CHRISTINE MARGARET CONKEY

1906 - 1999

Christine M. Conkey, age 92, of Gotts Corner (Lake Twp) died Tuesday morning, May 4, at the Huron County Medical Care Facility.

A life-long resident of Huron County, Christine had made her home in Lake Twp. since 1934. She was the fifth child of seven born to Archibald and Mary (Livingston) Walker in Sheridan Twp. near Ubyly.

She was married to Samuel Hall Conkey, June 30, 1926 at her parents home in Sheridan Twp. From this union were born four children, Donald "Sam" (Joan) Conkey of Woodstock, GA, Jean (Norman) Tandy of Richmond, NH, Dr. Archie (Merene) Conkey of Grand Rapids and Carol (Dr. Albert) Plaush of Midland. Also surviving are 12 grandchildren; seven step-grandchildren; 19 great grandchildren; 16 step great grandchildren and two step-great grandchildren; two sisters, Donalda (Ben) Meske of Port Hope and Leota McLean of Pontiac. Preceding her in death were her husband Hal; a grandson, Donald, great grandson, Ryan, three sisters, Ethel Robinson, Aleatha Shubel and Catherine Halladay and her brother, John Walker.

Mrs. Conkey was a life-long member of the Chandler Presbyterian Church, serving as its Centennial chairman at age 85. She was a charter member of the Worthy Study Club and Elkton Senior Citizens, having been chosen, with husband Hal, as Festival King and Queen one year. She was a member and long time secretary of the Huron County Farm Bureau, 4/H leader 20 years, served on the Huron County Fair Board, working closely with the county Ag Agent to improve youth training in Huron County. Christine was a former chairwoman of the Huron County Republican Women's Party and initiated the Sleeper State Park Leadership Campground. She was on the active mailing lists of presidents; governors and legislators, often hosting elected officials in her home. She had been elected to the State Constitution Convention, often traveling to Lansing or Washington DC as a delegate and was a farsighted doer of many good deeds. She was a major contributor to her son's (Sam) ten family history books, traveling throughout Michigan and Ontario gathering information. Both she and Hal were contributors to several Huron County Historical Books, along with one of her sons books, A Family History of Colin and Sarah McCallum Walker and Catherine Patterson Walker, her grandparents, available in the local libraries.

Funeral services will be conducted 3:00 PM Thursday, May 6, at the Chandler Presbyterian Church. Rev. Matthew Arneson, pastor will officiate with burial in the Chandler Twp. Cemetery.

Memorials may be given to the church.

Champagne Funeral Chapel, Elkton