

Marquardt, Elinore

Elinore (Nugent) Marquardt passed away Friday, Dec. 12, 2008 at Hiland Cottage in Petoskey while under hospice care.

Elinore Nugent was born July 26, 1911 in Bad Axe to the late Warren and Ida (Pettinger) Nugent. She was united in marriage to Irwin Marquardt on June 5, 1937 by the late Rev. Steig from the Bingham Lutheran Church. Irwin passed away on Jan. 5, 2003.

Elinore was raised on a Bingham Township farm and was one of seven children. She graduated from Bad Axe High School in 1929. She then attended Huron County Normal and Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti. In her years as a teacher, she taught at Big Burning, Carpenter, Popple, Crown and McKenzie rural schools. When the enrollment was less than 10, at any one school, they would close the school. She also was a substitute teacher at Bad Axe High School and for one year at Port Austin High School. She retired from teaching in 1971. She and her late husband were members of Our Savior Lutheran Church, Bad Axe.

Since 1974, Elinore and Irwin spent their winters at Citrus Mountain Mobile Estates in New Port Richey, Fla. Elinore was referred to as the Sunshine Lady for the park for 8 years.

Surviving are one sister, Mary Knight of Cass City; three daughters, Trudy Marquardt of Santa Rosa, Calif., Marla Iacaboni of Leominster, Ma. and Julie and Philip Rogers of Muskegon; her son, Randy and Joyce Marquardt of Harbor Springs; 11 grandchildren, Alan and Robert Barreca; Frank and Anthony Iacaboni; James, Andy and Dale Rogers; Paul and John Marquardt, Kari Nuffer and Lacy Tippet; 15 great-grandchildren, Anina, Alesandra, Frank, Jr., and Santino Iacaboni; Isabella Iacaboni; John and Kathryn Rogers; Austin, Alyssa, and Irwin Rogers; Regan, Carter and Jackson Rogers; and Peter and Patch Tippet.

Elinore was preceded in death by her brothers, Lyle and John Nugent; and sisters, Florence Osminski, Fay Hanselman and Carol Neiman.

Private services will be conducted on Monday.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to either Heartland Hospice in Bad Axe or the Bad Axe Historical Society. MacAlpine Funeral Home in Bad Axe is handling the arrangements.