

## **McKinley, Helen**

Helen Frances Karr McKinley, 97, of Caro, died Monday, Jan. 13, 2003, in Caro Community Hospital. She was born on July 27, 1905 in Millington to William and Ada (Akley) Reed. She married Floyd H. Karr on Sept. 29, 1924. He died Nov. 29, 1937. She then married William McKinley on July 1, 1942. He died on April 18, 1985. Helen worked a variety of jobs including at a laundry and picking beans in season. She was a Blue Star and Gold Star mother in World War II. Helen was the oldest living member of the Cass City United Methodist Church. She enjoyed refinishing furniture, china painting and going to garage sales. Helen is survived by her children, Aletha Misch of Cass City, Ellis Karr and his special friend, Ruth Freeman, of Caro, Dean Karr and his wife, Doris, of Caro; grandchildren, Richard Tait and his wife, Kathleen, of Bellville, Larry Tait of Dewitt, Rosemary Bushong and her husband, George, of Cass City, Alan Karr of Traverse City, Sharon LaPratt and her husband, Jim, of Caro, Debra Link and her husband, Jon, of Unionville, Kim Karr and his wife, Melanie, of Grand Rapids, Joyce Ann Schwartz and her husband, John, of Deford, Patricia Dietz and her husband, Duane, of Hiram, Ga., Ronald Karr of Deford; 17 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; sister, Jannetta Conway of Ithaca, is the oldest and last surviving sibling at 105; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by an infant son and her son, Robert Reed, who died during the Korean War; great-great-granddaughter, Tiffany Danielle Karr; brothers, Harold Reed and Carl Reed; and sister, Vera Reed. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2003, at Cass City United Methodist Church with the Rev. George Ward officiating. Interment is in Elkland Township Cemetery in Cass City. Pallbearers for Mrs. McKinley will be Scott Karr, Larry Tait, John Schwartz, Alan Karr, Kim Karr and George Bushong. Visitation will be from 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. tonight at Kranz Funeral Home in Cass City. Memorials may be made to Cass City United Methodist Church.