

# IRMA M. ROCHEFORT

## 1899 - 1995

Irma M. Rochefort, 96 of Bad Axe and Port Charlotte, Fla., died Saturday Nov. 11 at her home in Port Charlotte.

She was born in Bad Axe, the daughter of the late Albert and Florence (Matthews) Babcock. She married Avery D. Rochefort on Dec. 15, 1917 in Bad Axe. He preceded her in death on Nov. 27, 1976.

Mrs. Rochefort was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Bad Axe and attended the Trinity Methodist Church at Port Charlotte. She attended Bad Axe Rural Country Schools, and interned at Patterson's Cleaners as a coal and dress maker.

She retired after 28 years as a seamstress at Corbishley's Men's Wear in Bad Axe and was a volunteer in several organizations, enjoyed quilting for the Methodist Church and sewing lap robes for veterans' hospitals. She was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary Post 5690, and of the Military Order of the Cooties Auxiliary, Transplant #56 of Port Charlotte, where she was known as "Mama Cootie." Her special interests and hobbies included visiting with family and friends, sewing, cooking and playing euchre.

Surviving are two daughters, Florence (McDowell) Black and her husband Don, of Port Charlotte; Carol (Watkins) Kleminski and her husband Don of Port Charlotte; three sons, Don Rochefort of Canton, Lyle Rochefort and his wife Eva, and Jack Rochefort and his wife Jean, both of Bad Axe; 13 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren, three great-great-grandchildren, seven step-grandchildren; and 14 step-great-grandchildren; one sister, Orpha Watson of Port Huron; three sisters-in-law, Charlotte Babcock of Port Huron, Mary Babcock of Bay City, and Iola (Rochefort) Bean of Pigeon.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Jay Babcock and Marvin Babcock.

Funeral services were held Nov. 18 at the MacAlpine Funeral Home in Bad Axe, with the Rev. William Wright, pastor of the First United Methodist Church, officiating. Interment was at the Colfax Cemetery Mausoleum.

Memorials may be offered to the First United Methodist Church, Bad Axe, Southwest Hospice, Port Charlotte, or Friends for Life Hospice, Bad Axe.