

# EMILY LAFONTAINE

1918-1990

Emily A. LaFontaine, age 72 of Caseville, passed away Wednesday, June 27 at Saginaw General Hospital after a long battle with emphysema.

She was born May 22, 1918 in Pittsburg, Pa. She was united in marriage to Frank LaFontaine in 1945 in Napoleon, Ohio. He preceded her in death June 1974.

Mrs. LaFontaine moved to the Detroit Area as a young girl and came to Caseville in 1959 where she was owner of Caseville Restaurant and Dairy Bar (currently Walt's Restaurant) until 1964. She was known to fishermen as "the worm lady" because she always had nightcrawlers available for them, and to bingo players as the person who always rang a bell when number 66 was called. She ran a roadside vegetable stand until her health failed a year ago. She was a member of Caseville Eagles Auxiliary.

She is survived by five children: Emily Howcroft, Pigeon, Paulette Cummins, Caseville, Frank (Donna) LaFontaine, Caseville, Richard LaFontaine, Midland and Ruth (Marvin) Cross, Chattanooga, Tenn.; 17 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Private services for the family was conducted with no visitation. Burial was in Caseville Township Cemetery.

Memorials may be given to the American Lung Association of Michigan, 403 Seymour Ave., Lansing, Mich. 48914-9989.

Arrangements were by Champagne Funeral Chapel, Caseville.