

### **Auten, Etta M.**

Etta Mae Auten, 89, of Cass City, died Thursday, May 12, 2005, at Northwood Meadows Medical Care Unit after a short illness. She was born February 2, 1916 at home in Novesta Township to John R. and Hattie (Ashby) Collins. She married Kenneth J. Auten on March 19, 1934 in Caro. He died December 7, 1954. Etta worked for Owendale Industries beginning in the mid 1940s for about 10 years. She then worked for Cass City Manufacturing and General Cable. Etta retired from General Cable in 1973 after more than 13 years. She loved to sew and do needlework. Her flower gardens were second to none. Etta was a member of the Cass City United Methodist Church. Etta is survived by her children, Kathleen Warner, of Vassar, and Gerald Auten and his wife, Donna, of Cass City; grandchildren, Suzanne Frazier, Mark Warner, Donald Warner and his wife, Regina, David Warner and his wife, ElizaBeth, Darlene Bedford and her husband, Riggs, Jul Ann Kuenzli and her husband, Ronald, Colleen Sweeney and her husband, Terry, and Geraldine Auten; great-grandchildren, Megan, Brett, Ellie, Nathalie, Erin-Shea, Andrea, Holly, Jennifer Rebecca, Heather, Emily, and Katelyn; Etta's first great-great-grandchild is due any day; sister-in-law, Mary Collins, of North Branch; and nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her son-in-law, Arthur Warner; grandson, Paul Arthur Warner; grandson-in-law, Donald Frazier; and brother, Charles Collins. Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Monday, May 16, 2005, in Cass City United Methodist Church with the Rev. George Ward officiating. Interment will be in Elkland Township Cemetery in Cass City. Active pallbearers for Mrs. Auten are Brett Frazier, David Warner, Mark Warner, Don Warner, Terry Sweeney, and Ron Kuenzli. Honorary pallbearer is Riggs Bedford. Visitation will be from 7 to 9 p.m. on Saturday and from 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. on Sunday at the Kranz Funeral Home in Cass City and from 10 to 11 a.m. on Monday at the church. Memorials may be made to Cass City United Methodist Church or United Hospice of Marlette. Family and friends may share memories, prayers and stories with the family at [www.kranzfuneralhome.com](http://www.kranzfuneralhome.com).