

Lephe J. Smith

1896 - 1997

Lephe J. Smith, age 100 of Lapeer (formerly of Caseville and Harbor Beach), passed away Wednesday, January 15 at her granddaughter's home in Lapeer.

She was born in New Haven on May 5, 1896, the daughter of the late Dr. William T. and Frances B. (Duttweiler) Morrison. On November 26, 1925 she was united in marriage to Alva V. Smith in Albion. He preceded her in death on January 28, 1976.

Mrs. Smith was raised in Pigeon and graduated from Pigeon High School in 1916. She then graduated in 1918 from Grace Hospital in Detroit as a Registered Nurse. From 1932 - 1975 she and her husband owned and operated Sunshine Beach Resort in Port Austin.

She was a former member of the Metropolitan Methodist Church in Detroit, as well as the Harbor Beach United Methodist Church, and had previously attended the Caseville Methodist Church, the First Methodist Episcopal Church in Pigeon, and the Port Austin United Presbyterian Church.

Her survivors include her son, W. Morrison Smith, Bad Axe; a granddaughter, Alison Smith, Lapeer; and four great-grandchildren, Lea Ann, Billy J., Robert, and Danny. She was preceded in death by a half sister, Mary Lucas, a half brother, Bill Morrison, and a daughter-in-law, Mary Smith.

Funeral Services will be conducted at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, January 17 from the Meyersieck-Bussema Funeral Home, Pigeon. Rev. William Wright, pastor of Bad Axe United Methodist Church, will officiate. Burial will be in Caseville Township Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the organization of the donor's choice.