

**Nelson, Elma L.**

Mrs. Elma L. Soper (Cranston) Nelson, 91, of Shattuck Manor in Saginaw, died Tuesday, August 16, 2005, after a brief illness. Elma L. Cranston was born April 8, 1914 in Bingham Township and graduated from Ubly High School. On October 18, 1932, she was married to Sidney M. Nelson, and they resided on a rural farm near Bad Axe for 45 years until his death in 1977. She was a dedicated homemaker. She also had been employed as a nurse at the Huron County Medical Facility for 15 years until her retirement. She moved to Saginaw and was married to Leonard Soper from 1986 until his death in 1994. Mrs. Nelson is survived by her daughters: Ethel Nelson Snuggs and her husband, Edwin, of Durham, North Carolina, Florence Nelson Riddle and her husband, Irvin, of Saginaw, Marilyn Nelson Smith and her husband, Jerold, of Rockford; six grandchildren, Terri Snuggs Northrup, Ronald E. Snuggs, Kenneth I. Riddle, Denise Riddle Budge, Dr. Richelle L. Smith, and Samantha Smith Kamil; six great-grandchildren; her sister, Ilene C. Gross, of Port Huron; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, Roy Cranston and Flossie Philp Cranston, her husband(s), Sidney Nelson and Leonard Soper; her son, 1st Lt. Mervin L. Nelson; her infant son, Ronald James Nelson; and her sister, Murneta Stambaugh. Funeral services for Mrs. Nelson will be conducted at 10 a.m. on Friday, August 19, 2005, at the First Free Methodist Church, 2625 N. Center Road., Saginaw. The Rev. Larry Osweiler will officiate. Committal services and burial will be at 2 p.m. on Friday at the Colfax Cemetery in Bad Axe. Visitation will be from 3 to 8 p.m. today at W. L. Case and Company Funeral Chapel, 4480 Mackinaw Road, Saginaw, and from 9 a.m. until the time of service on Friday at the church. Flowers will be gratefully accepted. Memorials may be made to the First Free Methodist Church, VNA/Hospice: Partners in Caring, or the charity of their choice.