

Chapin, Barbara M.

Barbara Marian Chapin, 78, daughter of Edwin and Mildred Chapin, joined her Lord in glory on Tuesday, Jan. 12, 2010.

She was born in Springfield, Ma. She graduated from Commerce High School in Springfield and the Baptist Missionary Training School in Chicago.

She arrived in Detroit in 1952 as the associate to the executive secretary of the American Baptist Churches. It was during these years that she and Theresa Cutler (later Rev. Theresa Cutler) met. Her next position was assistant director of the Baptist Children's Home located in Royal Oak. She and Theresa served the Redford Baptist Church, and the North Shore Baptist Church, Chicago.

Barbara taught first grade in Des Plaines, Ill. until she left to care for her father in Vermont in 1973. She used creative means – cooking for ski lodges cutting wood, office work, etc. She was employed as an elementary teacher in Jamaica, Vermont. Retired, she arrived in Harbor Beach in the fall of 1992,

She loved Harbor Beach, volunteered for everything. Taught Sunday school in the Presbyterian Church. Worked part-time doing framing at the Corner Store. Was a member of the Chamber of Commerce, the Foundation of the Harbor Beach Hospital and the Auxillary of the hospital and a blessing to all she met.

Her goal in life was to faithfully serve her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

She is survived by her sisters, Elizabeth Waite of Huntington, Ma., Lois Camp of Lakeland, Fla., Elinor Melanson of Houston, Texas, Janet Kirby of Agawam, Ma.; her sister-in-law, Cecelia Chapin of Anaconda, Mont.; several nieces and nephews.

Her brother, Stewart preceded her in death.

She will be missed by the multitude of friends but especially by Theresa (Terry) Cutler with whom she made her home.

Memorial service is planned for May 1, 2010 at the First Presbyterian Church. Officiating at the service will be the Rev. Dr. Jim Kent, her life long friend.

Memorials may be designated for Lake Louise Camp.

Arrangements are being handled by the Ramsey Funeral Home of Harbor Beach.