

Tracy, Irene A.

Irene A. Tracy, 88, of Cass City, died after a long illness on Saturday, April 15, 2006, in Tendercare Nursing Facility, Cass City. She was born July 22, 1917 in Cass City to Theodore and Effie (Brown) Hendrick. She married Raymond O'Dell on June 16, 1934 in Wyandotte. He died February 22, 1957. She later married Ivan Tracy October 31, 1970 in Sutton Sunshine United Methodist Church. He died August 21, 1999. During World War II, Irene worked at the Willow Run Bomber Plant, later bought by Kaiser-Frazer, for 11 years total. She was listed on the "Rosy, the Rivitor" list and was the first married woman hired at the plant. She was a member of Sutton Sunshine United Methodist Church since 1967 but had attended since childhood. She was a member of the United Methodist Women, Ellington Almer Farmers Club, Farm Bureau, and Elmwood Quilters Circle. Irene enjoyed traveling in her motor home after her retirement. Irene is survived by her children, Theodore (Donna) O'Dell, of Milan, Raymond (Madonna) O'Dell, of Flat Rock, Duane (Katherine) O'Dell, of Deford, Douglas (Kristine) O'Dell, of Cass City, Karen (James) Bolz, of Milan; 15 grandchildren; 13 great grandchildren; step children, Carol (Arvel) Shields, of Marlette, Harriet (Ronald) Fox, of Lapeer, Timothy (Sue) Tracy, of Vassar, Anne Tomkins, of Lapeer, Beth (Jerry) Tkach, of Lapeer; 11 step grandchildren; 9 step great grandchildren; sisters, Ruth (George) Fisher, of Cass City, Isabelle Whittenburg, of Elsie, Phyllis (Sherwell) Kelly, of New Boston; and many nieces and nephews. A funeral service will take place at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, April 19, 2006, in Sutton Sunshine United Methodist Church. Interment will be in Ellington Township Cemetery. Visitation will be from 7 to 9 p.m. on Monday and 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday at Kranz Funeral Home in Cass City and from noon to 1 p.m. on Wednesday at the church. Memorials may be made to Sutton Sunshine United Methodist Church. Family and friends may share memories, prayers, and stories with the family at www.kranzfuneralhome.com.