

**Collison, Delphine H.**

Delphine H. Brown Collison, 78, of Bay Port, passed away unexpectedly Tuesday, Oct. 6, 2009 at Scheurer Hospital in Pigeon.

Born in Saginaw Dec. 9, 1930, she was the daughter of the late William and Bernice (Bird) Klopff, and graduated in 1949 from Bay Port High School. She worked at Bell Telephone in Saginaw for many years prior to 1952.

On March 1, 1952 she was united in marriage to Royce D. Brown at the Bay Port RLDS Church. He preceded her in death Dec. 13, 1972. On June 26, 1976 she was married to Robert J. Collison at the Community of Christ Church, Bay Port.

Along with her late husband Royce, Delphine owned and operated Meyer's Grocery in Bay Port, and co-owned Bay Port Lumber Company. Delphine and Robert enjoyed traveling to Wachula, Florida for many winters, where they enjoyed shopping at flea markets and attending auctions. Robert preceded her in death April 8, 2009.

Delphine was a member of the Fairhaven Fireman Auxiliary, and she enjoyed playing cards. She was a member of the Community of Christ Church, Bay Port, and sang in the church choir.

She is survived by a daughter, Libby Alexander of Bay Port; two sons, Tim (Joyce) Brown of Bay Port and James Brown of Caro; six grandchildren, Kayla and Kelsey Alexander, Jennifer Ulfing, Christin (Jim) Hempton, Rebecca (Eric) Heiden, and Aaron Brown; two great-grandchildren, Trenten Ulfing and Lauryn Hempton; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Katherine Timm; and brothers, John and Harry Klopff. Funeral service will be conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 10, 2009 at the Meyersieck-Bussema Funeral Home, Pigeon, with Elder Terry Brown of the Bay Port Community of Christ officiating. Burial will be in New Bay Port Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Friday and from 10 a.m. until the service Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association or the Bay Port Community of Christ Church.