

Harwood, Vivian

Vivian Rosella Stern Harwood, 91, of Harbor Beach passed away early Tuesday evening, March 14, 2000, in Port Huron Hospital after being rushed to emergency on Sunday following a stay of more than one year in a Lexington retirement home. She was born on Sept. 14, 1908, in East China Township, daughter of the late Capt. William H. and Martha J. (Young) Stern. She was a graduate of Ohio State University in 1932 and moved to Harbor Beach to teach home economics for the next 35 years, retiring in 1974. Vivian and William Harwood, Jr., were married on Good Friday, March 22, 1940, at the First Presbyterian Church in Harbor Beach. Her lifelong friend and husband Bill preceded her in death on July 2, 1970. Mrs. Harwood loved her students and years later reflected on her many years of memories and enjoyment helping her "kids" realize their potential, to raise families and overcome life's challenges. Several of her students became lifelong friends. Vivian's unconditional love, understanding and fortitude are at the forefront of her character. She has earned the respect and admiration of many who have crossed her path. She was a truly devoted person to her family by helping raise her two grandsons, and to her friends and her Lord. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Harbor Beach, a life member of the Order of Eastern Star, Ugly Miriam Chapter and the Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel. Vivian is survived by her son, William James Harwood of Bad Axe; grandsons Scot Harwood of Belleville and Michael Harwood of Port Huron; granddaughter Sarah Thomas of Lexington; great-granddaughter Myleigha Harwood of Port Huron; one sister, Phyllis Hurley of Liverpool, N.Y.; and also by her extended family, Lisa Young, Kimberly and Dustin Rogers of Port Huron, Paul and Jeanette Ginther, Lorraine Kudlac and the Falkenbergs, all of Harbor Beach. She was preceded in death by two brothers, William Stern and Lorimore Stern. Funeral services will take place at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 18, 2000, in the First Presbyterian Church, Harbor Beach, with the Rev. Theresa Cutler, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Rock Falls Cemetery. Visitation will be from 5 to 9 p.m. Friday at Ramsey Funeral Home, Harbor Beach, a Golden Rule Funeral Home, and from noon until the time of services at 1 p.m. Saturday at the church. We bid her peace until we meet again. We love you, Mom and Grandma!