

LAURA M. BATES

1902 - 1996

Laura M. Bates, 94, longtime Sebawaing resident, died Saturday morning, Dec. 14, at Tendercare of Cass City, following a 2-year illness.

She was born in Newstead, NY, Oct. 11, 1902, a daughter of Charles and Louise (Cranick) Brown. She was united in marriage with Clifford M. Bates Sr. on Dec. 25, 1922 in Mayville. They resided in Sebawaing for many years, where Mr. Bates was a butcher and operated his own meat market and store. Mr. Bates preceded his wife in death on Aug. 11, 1974.

Mrs. Bates was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Sebawaing.

Surviving are two sons, one daughter and their spouses, Clifford and Doris Bates, Jr., and Evelyn and Harold Proudfoot, all of Sebawaing, and Vern and Norma Bates of Caro, six grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her twin sister, Lenora Lockyer, another sister, Minnie Butterfield, and three brothers, Leroy, Harold and Leo Brown.

The funeral service took place at 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 16, in Trinity Church. Rev. Michael Norton officiated and burial was in Memorial Park Cemetery. Dinkel-Juengel Funeral Home was in charge of funeral arrangements.

Those planning to offer memorials are invited to consider Trinity Church or a charity of the donors' choice.