

Conner, Marie

Marie Conner, 91, of Jackson, passed away Tuesday, June 5, 2007, at the Huron County Medical Care Facility in Bad Axe. Marie was born April 14, 1916 in Pittsford, the daughter of Haskell and Columbia (Freeze) Clark. Marie was one of four children, all of whom preceded her in death. If you ever had the pleasure of meeting Marie, you would remember her. She was the group chief operator for Michigan Bell Telephone, primarily in Jackson. Marie was a tough but fair boss who set the bar high for all her employees. She arrived first at work even in the worst of weather conditions. Marie dressed impeccably and never would think of carrying a handbag which didn't match her shoes. Her signature red "beehive" hairdo never failed to elicit comments and a second look everywhere she went. It was fun to be seen with her as she knew so many people from work and church. In later years after Marie retired, she was the "captain" who oversaw the feeding of the homeless on the week when her church was called to serve. Marie was a born leader, having been the valedictorian of her graduating class of 1933 and attended yearly schoolwide class reunions. All of her graduating class preceded her in death. She will be sadly missed by her family. Marie is survived by her son, Jerry White, of Port Austin, as well as his wife, Jayne (Krohn) White. Also surviving are Marie's two dear grandchildren, Marc White and his wife, Tonya (Rivard), of Troy, and Sara Jayne White, of Mesa, Arizona. Marie was preceded in death by two husbands, Ralph White and Tom Conner. Marie also will be missed by her adopted family of caregivers at the Huron County Medical Care Facility in Bad Axe. She received excellent and loving care while she made it her home these last couple of years. They nicknamed her "Feisty Red" and said she was truly one of a kind. A funeral service will be at 11 a.m. on Friday, June 8, 2007, at the Wetherby's Funeral Home in Jackson. Burial will follow the funeral in the Evergreen Cemetery. Visitation will be from 3 to 7 p.m. on Thursday and from 10 to 11 a.m. on Friday at the funeral home. Memorials may be given to Grace Baptist Church or a charity of the donor's choice.