

SUSAN MARY DOERFNER

1900-1993

Susan Mary Doerfner, 92 of Saginaw and Bay Port, died Tuesday evening, June 15, in Saginaw General Hospital following a lengthy illness.

She was born in Bay Port on Dec. 20, 1900, the daughter of Conrad and Julia (Bumor) Kleinfeld. She was married to William H. Doerfner on Aug. 1, 1923, in Bay Port. He survives her.

She spent her early life working at Bay Port State Bank and was vice-president of the bank at age 20. Her interest in music led her to play and teach piano and study the opera.

During World War II she was a Gray Lady, a volunteer worker at the hospital. She planted and maintained a garden and knew all plants by their botanical names. She was a member of the Saginaw Branch of Women's National Farm and Garden Club. Mrs. Kleinfeld was a member of Bay Port United Methodist Church and an active supporter of that church and First Presbyterian Church of Saginaw. She was a board member of Saginaw YWCA.

Mrs. Doerfner received the title of Honorary Colonel of the Army, ROTC, and Women's Auxiliary of Michigan Technological University. During World War II, her husband, in a lifelong General Motors career, was general manager of Saginaw Malleable Iron Division and then transferred to general manager of Saginaw Steering Gear Division.

Surviving, besides her husband, William H. Doerfner of Saginaw, are three daughters, Mrs. Susan Ann Sobel of Saginaw, Mrs. Dorothy Klett of Rochester and Mrs. Frances Mudeking of Dearborn Heights, one son, William H. Doerfner, Jr. of Perry, 17 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.