

Faupel, Fern M.

Fern M. Faupel, 94, of Plainwell, formerly of Elkton, died Monday morning, Nov. 16, 2009 at her home while under hospice care.

She was born May 24, 1915 to the late Charles and Minnie (Bleam) Heckroth at their home in Chandler Township.

Fern grew up on a farm in Chandler Township and attended Rock City School on State Park Road. Her mother would not let her start school until she was seven because she thought it was too far for a little girl to walk alone. She also attended one of the Chandler schools, Caseville School and graduated from Elkton High School in 1934.

On July 9, 1938, she was united in marriage to Aaron Faupel and was attended by her brother, Ray; and his sister, Jewell, at her parent's home. She moved to a farm just north of Elkton in 1942.

Fern was a farm wife and also worked on the Election Board in Chandler Township, and often claimed that it was the only time she received a paycheck.

She and Aaron started wintering in Florida in 1972, and in 1984, they retired and became permanent residents in Florida. Aaron passed away Feb. 5, 1998, and later that year, Fern moved back to Michigan to be near her family.

Fern was a longtime member of the Elkton United Methodist Church and United Methodist Women.

Surviving are her son, Ken (Liz) Faupel of Richland; daughter-in-law, Mary Faupel of Parchment; four grandsons, Tom (Michelle), Ron (Debbie), Matt (Julie) and Mike (Yvonne); six great-grandchildren; her sister, Lela (Cal) Reibling of Chandler Township; and sister-in-law, Jewell Wycincky of Escondido, Calif.

Preceding her in death was her son, Larry Faupel in 2002; and her brother, Ray Heckroth, in 2003.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 21, 2009 at the Elkton United Methodist Church. The Rev. Craig Pillow, pastor will officiate with burial in Riverside Cemetery, Elkton.

Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Friday at the Champagne Funeral Chapel in Elkton and after 10 a.m. on Saturday at the church.

Memorials may be directed to the Elkton United Methodist Women or Bay Shore Camp.

You may sign the guest book or share words of condolence at www.cfcElkton.com.