

Surbrook, Gertrude

Gertrude Viola Surbrook, 96, went home to be with the Lord on Saturday, April 3, 2004. She was born June 24, 1907 in Portage LaPrairie, Manitoba, Canada to John B. and Emma J. (Parks) Vance. Gertrude was raised in Cass City along with her siblings who have all predeceased her. She received her U.S. citizenship in 1957. She married Ernest M. Campbell on June 28, 1930 in Cass City. He died October 23, 1972. Gertrude married Clarence Surbrook on December 15, 1979. He died October 4, 1986. She has made her home at Hilty Memorial Home in Pandora, Ohio for the past two years. Gertrude was a member of the Lima Missionary Church in Ohio, previously a member of Bad Axe Free Methodist Church and the Missionary Society. She enjoyed tatting, sewing clothes and gardening. Gertrude's life was her children and grandchildren. She loved spending time with her family. Gertrude is survived by her children, Elizabeth "Betty" Lingenfelter and her husband, William, of Flint and Hallendale, Florida., Hilda Van Allen and her husband, Douglas, of Cass City, Edith Schott and her husband, J. Clement, of Lima, Ohio, Dr. Louis A. Campbell, of Charlotte, North Carolina, Graydon Campbell and his wife, Judy, of Bad Axe, Delores Kurtz and her husband, Harry, of Owasso and Beverly Ritter and her husband, Sheldon, of Sturgis; 20 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her grandson, James Douglas Van Allen, who died October 9, 1972; brothers, Neil, Malver, Dewey, Roy, Earl, Andrew and John Vance; sisters, Ethel Vance, Margaret Edwards, Bertha Schneider, Blanche Copeland and Gladys Sanfelippo. Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, April 7, 2004, in Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with Dr. Louis A. Campbell and the Rev. J.C. Schott officiating. Burial will be in Novesta Township Cemetery, Cass City. Pallbearers will be David Campbell, Michael Campbell, Joshua Ritter, Ron Van Allen, Jeff Van Allen, Mike Van Allen and Bill Van Allen. Visitation will be from 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, and from 10 a.m. until the time of service on Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Bethel College, Brown City Campground or Hilty Memorial Home.