

## **Ward, Lucile**

Lucile Anna Dekker Jean Ward passed away Friday, Nov. 9, 2001 in Ottawa, Ill. She was born in Harbor Beach to Lenius M. Dekker and Gertrude Oostdyke Dekker. As a young adult she taught Sunday School and wrote for the Harbor Beach Times. After graduating from the Northeastern Michigan School of Commerce, she was employed by the Ford Automobile agency in Harbor Beach and also learned to fly at the local airstrip. On Sept. 16, 1931 she married Robert A. Jean of Bay City. They were the loving parents of Thomas Henry Jean and Bethel Kay Jean Steinert. She enjoyed serving as Boy Scout and Girl Scout leaders along with being active in the Mount Vernon and Bangor Central Parent Teachers Association. Bob and Lucile owned Woodside Hardware from 1958 to 1967 and considered each customer to be a personal friend. They retired to Caseville where they enjoyed frequent visits with their grandchildren, children and friends. Lucile was an enthusiastic member of the Caseville Library Club and an advocate of the Huron County Nature Center Wilderness Arboretum. Bob preceded her in death in 1971. Lucile married Emory Ward in 1973 and divided her time between Riva, Maryland and Caseville. After Emory's death in 1977, Lucile maintained residence in Caseville and Venice, Fla., where she was an avid swimmer. She is survived by her sister, Gertrude Wells, and her husband, Harry, of Nokomis, Fla.; a son, Tom Jean and his wife, Mary, of Roscommon; a daughter, Beth Steinert and her husband, Darryl, of Madison, Ind., and New Orleans La.; granddaughters Kathy Kersgard and her husband, Michael, of Greeley, Colo., Amy Barron and her husband, Jim of Livonia, Molly Gallagher and her husband, Tom, of Ann Arbor, Marcie Compton and her husband Marten, of Anchorage, Alk.; one grandson Dr. Dirk Steinert and his wife, Patty of Ottawa, Ill.; 10 great grandchildren, Kevin, Mallory, Courtney, Ashley, Maria, Lauren, Shane, Elle, Conlin and Will; one sister-in-law, Mary June Priestkorn Hollander Wilkerson; three nieces, a nephew; and several cherished cousins and friends. Mrs. Ward was preceded in death by her parents, stepfather Henry Hollander, and brother Dr. John H. Hollander. A memorial service will take place at a later date at the Harbor Beach Presbyterian Church. Memorials may be made to the Harbor Beach Presbyterian Church or the Dekker Haus museum in Zeeland. Arrangements are by the Ramsey Funeral Home, Harbor Beach.