



Ruth Smith

November 1, 1915 - December 12, 2013

Ruth Smith, 98 of Alden passed away on Thursday, December 12, 2013 at Munson Hospice House in Traverse City. She was born on November 1, 1915 in Kalkaska County to the late George and Sarah (Yerks) Peterson. Ruth graduated from Alden High School. She married Lawrence "Tunk" Smith on September 15, 1940 in Alden where she spent most of her life. Ruth loved nature, music, animals, children and bingo. She regularly attended the Original MI Fiddlers Assoc. Jamboree as she loved the fiddle which her older brother, Pete, use to play. As a young woman she enjoyed walking miles after wild berries, strawberries, blueberries, grapes, mushrooms, deer hunting, ice fishing, and looking for Petoskey stones on a beach. She also prepared walnuts from the black walnut trees she had planted and also picked up wild bechnuts. Ruth loved Torch Lake, "where the rainbow stores its colors". She was gentle, nonjudgmental, and patient, knew how to enjoy the simple things in life, and was genuinely happy. Ruth attended the Alden United Methodist Church. Ruth is survived by her children, Norman "Pete" (Betty) Smith of Traverse City, Mary (Don) Moore of Sears, and Ruth Ann Smith of Alden; 6 grandchildren; 15 great grandchildren; and 3 great great-grandchildren; her sister-in-law, Barbara Peterson. Ruth was preceded in death by her husband, Tunk, in 1999; her brother, Oscar Elmer "Pete" Peterson; and her sister, Jessie Ringle. A memorial service will be held on Wednesday, December 18th at 11:00 AM at the Alden United Methodist Church with Pastor Dan Biteman officiating. Memorials can be made to Munson Hospice House, 1105 6th St.,

Traverse City, MI 49684. Arrangements were made by Wolfe-O'Neill Funeral Home, our family serving yours.

Tribute Wall



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January 30, 2023 at 04:02 AM



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