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Hattie H. Kloha-Murphy

(August 11, 1913 - January 19, 2013)



Hattie Kloha Murphy, 99, died on Saturday, January 19, 2013. Hattie was born on August 11, 1913, to George and Minnie (Schwab) Schmidt in Bay County. She graduated from Bay City Central High School and then from County Normal where she earned her teaching certificate at a young age. She was hired to teach at the Sugar School, a one-room school in Frankenlust Twp. Hattie married Roland Kloha on June 26, 1937. Hattie and Roland farmed on the homestead until they sold it in 1984. After many years of night school and summer school classes, Hattie graduated from Central Michigan University in 1964 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education in teaching. She taught kindergarten in Saginaw Twp. Schools until she retired from teaching in 1976. Roland died on January 26, 1987. Hattie was active in church activities at St. Johns for many years as a member of its Ladies Aid. She loved to play the piano for sing-a-longs, dance both round and square dancing, and listen to musical concerts. Her range of activities included traveling in the U.S. and abroad, playing cards, camping, and most importantly, socializing with friends and family. On November 24, 1990, Hattie married I.A. Archie Murphy he predeceased her in death on March 8, 2006. Hattie is survived by a large blended family of children Shirley (Bob Glasner) Morgenthaler, Estelle (Glenn Preston) Weismiller, Al (Carol Park) Kloha, Judie (Widow of Glenn) Kloha, Karen Pope, Beth (Bob Horney) Murphy, John Murphy, 21 grandchildren, 35 great grandchildren, 7 great great grandchildren, sister Stella Peoples, brothers Emil Schmidt and Herb Schmidt, brother-in-law Allen (Erma) Murphy, sisters-in-law Donna (Joe) Cheney, and Maris (Tom) Ford, and many nieces, nephews and other extended family members. Hattie was predeceased by her son Glenn Kloha, her son-in-law's James Pope & Bob Morgenthaler and her grandson Brian Pope. Funeral Services will take place on Saturday, January 26, 2013 at 1 p.m. from St. Johns Lutheran Church Midland with Pastor Mathew Makela and Pastor Jeffrey Kloha officiating. A private committal service will be held at a later date. Hattie's family will receive friends at the Cunningham-Taylor Funeral Home, Auburn in a celebration of Hattie's long and wonderful life, on Friday from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. and then again at the church from 12 noon until the time of service. In lieu of flowers, those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider St. Johns Lutheran Church, Concordia Theological Seminary in Saint Louis, the Alzheimer's Association or the donor's favorite charity.

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