



Ruth M. Nelson

August 12, 1926 - May 5, 2014

Ruth M. Nelson of Cadillac passed away Monday, May 5, 2014 at The Lakeview. She was 87. She was born in Cadillac on August 12, 1926 to Kenneth and Ruth (Edgell) Garlinger and they preceded her in death.

Ruth graduated from Cadillac High School and then married Leonard E. Nelson on August 10, 1945 in Cadillac and he preceded her in death on December 30, 1997. She was one of the original employees of the Hillcrest Drive In Restaurant. Later Ruth went to work for Cadillac Area Public Schools for 16 years as a secretary before retiring. She continued to work at the family photography studio until 3 years ago, in October 2011.

Ruth was a member of the First Covenant Church of Cadillac since 1945 and was very active in the church. She was a member of the choir, taught Sunday School for over 30 years and was the church treasurer for many years. She was an associate member of the Professional Photographers Association and charter member of the Scandinavian Society.

She enjoyed crocheting, writing poetry, word puzzles, word searches and crossword puzzles.

Survivors include her sons, John A. (Lynn) Nelson of Cadillac and Reverend Richard A. (Geri) Nelson of Savannah, Georgia; four grandchildren, Amy (Joe) Kitchen, Jennifer (Sean) Zeitz, Arielle Nelson and Ian (Emily) Nelson; three

step grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, May 13, 2014 at the First Covenant Church in Cadillac with Revered Greg Du Bois officiating. Friends may meet the family Monday from 6-8 p.m. at the Peterson Funeral Home in Cadillac. Burial will be at Maple Hill Cemetery in Cadillac. Memorial contributions may be made to First Covenant Church of Cadillac. An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com.

Tribute Wall

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“ *John and Lynn, Please accept my condolences. Ruth was a lovely woman who I enjoyed chatting with on the occasions that I saw her at the Mitchell Street location. May your memories comfort you during this time of loss.*

Christine Potter - May 12, 2014 at 10:08 AM