



Eleanor Chilson

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TRAVERSE CITY — Eleanor Marie (Hasse) Chilson, 91, was born Aug. 13, 1919, in Bear Lake to Floyd and Etta (Steele) Hasse. She passed away Sunday, May 15, 2011, at Munson Medical Center. Eleanor was a great homemaker and the best cook. She made the best meatballs with garlic, as well as bean soup, and was known for her cinnamon rolls that would melt in your mouth. Once a week she made homemade rolls and bread. On Friday, June 24, 1938, at Immanuel Baptist Church in Traverse City, she married Howard L. Chilson. Eleanor is the mother to Leon L. (Cathy) Chilson, of Buckley, Ann Marie (Bernie) Bridson, of Traverse City, Donald E. (Linda) Chilson, of Reed City and Howard J. (Janet) Chilson, of Grant. Eleanor worked for Cherry Growers in Traverse City and Bailey for several years. She traveled and camped for many years with her husband. After his retirement, they traveled to Texas in the winter for 17 years. Eleanor loved to crochet and made many afghans, potholders and hand towels for everyone. She was a great caregiver to her parents, her mother-in-law and anyone who was in need. She attended Bible Baptist Church for many years, attending faithfully until her health made it so hard for her to get out. She loved and enjoyed her family so much. In addition to her four children and their spouses, she is survived by 11 grandchildren, 30 great-grandchildren, and many great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Howard; her parents, Floyd and Etta Hasse; three brothers, John, Edward and Francis Hasse; and a sister, Emmaline Timmins. Visitation will take place from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. today, May 18, at Bible Baptist Church, 1915 Cass Rd., Traverse City, where funeral services will begin at 1 p.m. Pastors Joel Brown and Steve Dodd will officiate. Burial will take place in Oakwood Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be directed to Bible Baptist Church, Meals on Wheels or Munson Hospice. Please share your condolences with the family by way of Eleanor's online guestbook at <http://www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com>. The family is being served by Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home and Cremation Service.