Lois M. Snyder, 93

Lois M. Snyder, of East Jordan and Petoskey, died Feb. 1, 2012, at her home at Independence Village.

A memorial service to celebrate her life will take place at 1 p.m. Saturday, May 26, at Evangelical Lutheran Church, 7855 Rogers Road, East Jordan, with the Rev. Kenneth Lein officiating. Friends may call from noon until the time of service.

Lois was born Aug. 7, 1918, to John and Minnie Rude on their farm in "Little Norway," on Norwegian Road near East Jordan. She graduated from East Jordan High School in 1936 then attended Central Michigan College, earning a teaching certificate.

On July 6, 1946, she married the love of her life, Jason H. Snyder, in East Jordan, where they made their home and raised three children, William, Mary and Linda.

Lois taught at East Jordan Elementary School for 30 years, retiring in 1978. She was a positive influence on all her students, inspiring some to become teachers themselves.

After retiring, Lois and Jason spent winters in Zephyrhills, Fla., for 26 years, returning every spring to



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spend many happy summers at their home on the South Arm of Lake Charlevoix, where family and friends were always wel-

come. Lois and Jason were married for 56 years; Jason died in 2003.

Lois was also preceded in death by her son, William, in 1978, and great-grandson, Trenton Michelsen, in 1995.

She was a life-long member of Evangelical Lutheran Church, East Jordan.

She loved God, children, flowers, birds, trees, the lake, her family and friends. She was loved by all who knew her and will be greatly missed.

Lois is survived by daughters, Mary (Kenneth) Michelsen, Petoskey, Linda (Donald) Schoof, Charlevoix; daughter-in-law, Starr Roan, Fremont; five grandchildren; seven greatgrandchildren; brothers, Ernest Rude, Baltimore, Md., Arthur (Vivian) Rude, Muskegon, William (Dolly) Rude, Muskegon; several nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to Evangelical Lutheran Church.