Vera R. Kraemer, 85

Vera R. Kraemer, 85, died Saturday, March 14, 1998, at her home in Wilson Township, Charlevoix County.

Funeral will be 11 a.m. Tuesday, March 17, at East Jordan United Methodist Church. The Rev. Eugene L. Baughan of East Jordan United Methodist Church will officiate. Interment will be in Sunset Hill Cemetery, East Jordan.

She was born July 2, 1912, in East Jordan, the daughter of Herman and Effie (Bolser) Hammond. She grew up in East Jordan and graduated from East Jordan High School in 1930. She attended Michigan State University for one year.

On Dec. 23, 1933, in Boyne City, she married Richard Simmons. He died Dec. 22, 1945.

On May 15, 1947, in Boyne City, she married Leonard W. Kraemer. He died March 27, 1988.

Vera worked at Kaden's Clothing Store in Boyne City from 1953-1964. She then worked at Courter Products, now known as Allied Signal, in Boyne City until a short retirement in 1977. She then went to work at the Boyne City Ben Franklin Store until 1990.

Vera was a member of East Jordan United Methodist Church.

She enjoyed quilting, crocheting, embroidering and other crafts. She also loved to read, tend her garden, feed birds, snowshoe and win Scrabble games.

Vera is survived by six daughters. Margaret Simmons of Boyne City. Betty (Niley) Louiselle of Springfield, Mo., Beverly (Edmond) Jensen of Gaylord, Susan (Bruce) Bergmann of Trout Lake, Dixie (Dale) Cosier of Boyne City, and Vera (James) Arnott of East Jordan; 15 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; one sister, Ruth Looze, of East Jordan; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was also preceded in death by two sisters. Hazel Kowalske on Feb. 28, 1931, and Helen L. Bartholomew on Jan. 9. 1981; and one brother, Floyd Hammond, on Dec. 5, 1984.

The family will receive friends 2-9 p.m. today, March 16, at Paullin-Penzien Funeral Home, East Jordan.

Memorials may be given to East Jordan Senior Center.