## **Obituaries**

## Naomi Ruth Shepard, 98

Naomi Ruth Shepard, 98, of East Jordan, died Monday, June 8, 2015, at Grandvue Medical Care Facility in East Jordan

She was born on June 6, 1917, in Flint, Mich., the daughter of Leon-Allen and Esther (Chapman) Carey.

On Oct. 29, 1938, in Lewiston, Mich., she married Ralph Shepard Sr. He preceded her in death on March 13, 1999.

Naomi had worked at Circuit Control and as a census taker. She was a member of the East Jordan United Methodist Church and belonged to the Gideon auxiliary. She enjoyed gardening, deer hunting and fishing. Naomi was also known as the "Pie Lady" at the East Jordan United Methodist Church during the roast beef dinners.

Naomi is survived by four children, Allan (Jackie) Shepard of East Jordan, Lanny (Winnie) Shepard of Cheboygan, Phyllis (Doug) Sumner of East Jordan and Helen (Doug) Clary of Mattawan; 18 grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren; one sister, Jeanette (Harold) Grove of West Branch; and several nieces and nephews.

Naomi was also preceded in death by one son, Ralph Shepard Jr.; her parents; twin great-grandchildren, Nicolas and Nicole Skrocki; and four brothers, Gates, Mercer, Morris and Eugene.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, June 11, at United Methodist Church in East Jordan with the Rev. Craig Pahl officiating. Interment will follow at Sunset Hill Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, June 10, at the Penzien Funeral Homes Inc. in East Jordan.

Memorials may be given to the East Jordan United Methodist Church or Grandvue Medical Care Facility.