



Mrs. Clara E. Gaylord

April 11, 1925 - June 11, 2011

Clara Eva Gaylord passed away on Saturday, June 11, 2011, surrounded by her loving children. She was born in Pittsfield on April 11, 1925, the daughter of William and Annie Galpin Duclos. Clara was educated in local schools before marrying Charles H. Gaylord Sr., at the young age of 17, on June 27, 1942.

Clara will be remembered for her loving, positive, and kindhearted spirit. She had a great sense of humor and a beautiful smile. Clara was an outstanding cook and baker and a talented writer of poetry. She enjoyed gardening and drawing and was a longtime New York Yankees fan. She was a devoted and cherished mother and a wonderful grandmother, and her greatest joy was being a homemaker and mother.

She was predeceased by her husband, Charles H. Gaylord Sr., who passed away on October 27, 1969. Clara leaves 4 children: Charles H. Gaylord Jr. and his wife Andrea L. Gaylord, Charlene C. Hamel, Cheryl C. Gaylord, and Cynthia C. Lambert and her husband James (Bud) J. Lambert III. She is also survived by 4 grandchildren: Charles H. Gaylord III, Paul C. Gaylord, Deborah A. Boos, and Jennifer L. Hamel; 10 great-grandchildren, 1 great-great grandchild, and many nieces and nephews. Clara was the last surviving child in her family of 12 children, being predeceased by 11 brothers and sisters, as well as her son-in-law, Richard L. Hamel. She is greatly missed and deeply loved.

A public Memorial Service for Clara will be held on Saturday, June 18, 2011,

at

3 p.m., at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 235 Dalton Division Rd., Dalton. Dwyer Funeral Home, 776 North St., Pittsfield, is in charge of arrangements.