



## Dorothy E. Merchant

April 26, 2011

Dorothy Elizabeth Merchant, 101 passed away peacefully the morning after her 101st birthday at Mackinac Straits Hospital Long Term Care facility. She was born April 25, 1910 in St. Ignace to Walter Henry and Helen Louise (Goudreau) Mac Donald. She lived in the St. Ignace area all her life.. She married Joseph Edward Merchant on December 10, 1928 in St. Ignace. They established a successful bar & restaurant in Moran Township in 1937 and owned it until 1942. It was located overlooking the water and was called Straits View. She became a homemaker after selling the restaurant. She was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and a former member of the United Methodist Church.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her children, Donald Joseph, age 5 on June 3, 1936; Joseph Leslie, age 58 on December 10, 2003. Her husband, Joseph Edward died February 20, 1984 at the age of 86. She was also preceded in death by her sister, Alexis, and brothers, Walter, Leslie, Jim and Norman MacDonald; and her sisters in law, Alta & Eudene MacDonald; Betty Webster, and brother in law Al Webster.

She is survived by a granddaughter, Jean Carol Chaplin, Austin, TX; a grandson, and his wife, Donald Edward and Erin Noreen Merchant, Rancho Cucamonga, CA; a daughter in law, Roberta Holliday Merchant, Austin, TX; 4 great grandchildren, Mia Betty Chaplin, age 5; Alexander Roy Chaplin, Age 3; Abigail Josie Merchant age 3; and Emma Elizabeth Merchant, age 2. Two sisters in law; Lucille MacDonald of Cleveland, Ohio; and Dorothy Hillier, of

Sault Ste. Marie, MI., and numerous neices and nephews.

As per her wishes cremation has taken place. A graveside service will be held this summer at Lakeside Cemetery.

Arrangements were handled by Dodson Funeral Home, St. Ignace.

# Tribute Wall



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“ *I used to deliver homebound meals to Mrs. Merchant and she was one of the most wonderful women I've ever met! I used to look forward to stopping there and she was always bright, cheerful and upbeat. I remember bringing over my husband's grandmother's tree several years ago and she was ecstatic to have it put up, full decorated. (We always kept he tree with the ornaments and covered in a bag to protect it!) She had a great sense of humor and was interesting and energetic, even though I knew her to be in her 90's. What a great, sweet lady and (for the family) thank you for sharing her with us! I wish everyone was as cheerful and caring as I remember her to be.*

Kim Hagen - May 13, 2011 at 04:15 AM