



Doris (VanCuren) Benson

August 6, 1921 - February 25, 2006

Mrs. Doris (VanCuren) Benson, age 84, of Utica, passed away on Saturday, February 25, 2006, at the St. Luke's Home. Born in Utica on August 6, 1921, Doris was the daughter of the late Edward and Mildred (Gosper) VanCuren. Raised and educated locally, she graduated from Utica Free Academy. On August 12, 1945 she married Raymond E. Benson. As a couple who were truly devoted to one another, Doris and Raymond shared a 31-year union prior to his passing on March 27, 1977. Mrs. Benson was a longtime and conscientious employee of BlueCross BlueShield where she worked as a receptionist. She retired in 1988. Doris's time, her efforts, and her concerns revolved around her family, especially in more recent years when her grandchildren became the focal point of her life and her heart. Mrs. Benson is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Raye and Bruce Hendrickson of Tulsa, OK; a son, Brian Benson of Utica; six beloved grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. Her survivors also include several nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and cousins, especially acknowledging Mike Cackatt of Syracuse and Robert Benson of Canastota; and her many friends, especially Mae Parker. In keeping with Doris' wishes there will be no visitation or funeral services. For those wishing to do so, please consider memorial donations in her name to the American Cancer Society. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave.