

Bessie Sievers, 80

Walnut — Bessie Mae Sievers, daughter of Usebius and Martha Coppes Overton, was born Nov. 27, 1896 in Walnut. She died May 18, 1977 at the Cass County Memorial hospital in Atlantic at age 80 years. She received her education in the Walnut school. She joined the First United Presbyterian Church of Walnut in 1922 and taught a boys' Sunday school class for years. She was the first woman ordained as an elder in the church and for 13 years was Clerk of Session. She was also a past matron of Mignon Chapter, Order of Eastern Star of Walnut. She married Lewie Sievers of Walnut on Nov. 9, 1940. Following his death in 1963, she moved to Peace Haven, where she lived until her death.

Survivors include a sister - Mrs Ernest (Gladys) Martin of Dexter; a step son - Norman Sievers of Walnut; three step-daughters - Mrs Herbert (Thelma) Henningsen of Avoca, Mrs Irwin (Edna) Hanson of Walnut and Mrs John (Merna) Paulsen of Speedway, Ind., seven step grandchildren, 12 step great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at the Walnut First United Presbyterian church on Friday, May 20, 1977 with Rev. Sam Hee Shinn, officiating. Burial was in the Walnut cemetery with Everett Overton, Willis Rock, Craig Sievers, Scott Johnson, Frank Stoltz and Philip Hansen serving as casketbearers.