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KINGSFORD - Ottilee R. Butler, 97, formerly of 813 Michael St., Kingsford, died Sunday, Oct. 6, 2002, at ManorCare Health Services in Kingsford.

She was born Oct. 31, 1904, in Kalkaska, Mich., daughter of the late Gustavus and Lenora (Brown) Albert. She was raised in Central Lake, Mich., and graduated from Central Michigan University with a bachelor of arts degree, majoring in physical education.

Ottilee worked as an elementary school teacher in several school systems, including Bad Axe, Marion, East Jordan, Standish, Sebewaing and Farmington, Mich. Her teaching career spanned from 1925 to her retirement in 1969. She was recognized for her teaching and creative ability in the classroom by the Farmington School System.

She married her husband, Amos, in 1929. After her husband's stroke in 1954 she remained his caregiver until his death in 1990.

Ottilee was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church. She was a charter member of the Pine Mountain Duplicate Bridge Club and a member of the Michigan Education Association.

She enjoyed bowling, oil painting, sketching, music and games. In her younger years she was very athletic and participated in tennis, basketball, badminton and volleyball.

Ottilee loved her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by four brothers and three sisters.

Ottillee is survived by her daughter, Lorraine (Robert) Bowman of Spread Eagle, Wis.; three grandchildren, Bill (Sue) Bowman of South Lake Tahoe, Linda (Dave) Bertola of Green Bay, Wis., and Judy (Theron) Johnson of Warm Springs, Ore., and four great-grandchildren, Bryan and Gina Bertola, Maddison and Alec Bowman.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home of Iron Mountain.

Funeral services will be at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Rev. Dr. Meredith Rupe will officiate.

Burial will be in Cemetery Park in Iron Mountain.

A memorial will be established in her memory at Trinity United Methodist Church in Iron Mountain.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home of Iron Mountain.