

Ruth Theresa Dean

(December 6, 1919 - September 6, 2010)

Ruth Theresa Dean, 90, of Manistee, formerly of Brethren, died Monday, September 6, 2010, at the Manistee County Medical Care Facility. She was born December 4, 1918, in Manistee, the daughter of James and Beatrice (Hall) Koon.

Ruth was the former Princess of the Thornapple Indian Band; and was a member of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians where she loved participating in their cultural events and ceremonies. She also enjoyed making Black Ash baskets, and cooking. Most of all, Ruth loved spending time with her family and friends.

Ruth is survived by: her brothers, Joe (Betty) Koon of Bear Lake, and John (Theresa) Koon of Manistee; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Ruth was preceded in death by: her first husband, Louis Smith; her second husband, Persey John; her third husband, Howard Dean; her sisters, Gertrude, Grace and Angeline; and 4 brothers, Matthew, Louie, James and Don.

Mass from the Order of Christian Funerals will be celebrated at 11:00 AM, Friday, September 10, 2010, at St. Mary of Mount Carmel Shrine, in Manistee, with Father John McCracken celebrant. Interment will follow in Corfu Cemetery in Brethren. Visitation will be held Thursday, from 6-8 PM, at the Terwilliger Funeral Home, in Kaleva, with a Native American ceremony at 7:45 PM.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Manistee Medical Care Facility.

The Terwilliger Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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