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Emilie J. Karkela, 85, Emilie J. Karkela, age 85, of Grand Rapids, died Sunday, Nov. 19, 2006, in Grand Itasca Hospital.

She was born in Ardenhurst Township, Itasca County on Nov. 20, 1920, to Ener and Lena (Olson) Skoe. Emilie graduated from Grand Rapids High School in 1937 and was a lifelong resident. She married Wesley Karkela in 1939.

Preceding her in death were her parents; husband, Wesley (1973); granddaughter, Senja (1986); and seven brothers and sisters, Earl Skoe, Stanton Skoe, Bena Petzel, Stanley Skoe, Viola Skoe, Raymond Skoe and Russel Skoe.

Surviving family includes four sons, Larry (Joyce), Plymouth, Thomas (Peggy), Plymouth, Ronald (Linda) Fargo, David, Grand Rapids; daughter, Karen (Cush) Minar, St. Paul; sisters, Marie Rozycki, St. Cloud, and Gladys (Donald) Barron, Thief River Falls; brother, Willis Skoe, Philippines; 13 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Services: Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 22, at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Cohasset. Burial was in Itasca Calvary Cemetery, Grand Rapids.

Memorials may be given in Emilie's memory to the donor's church Sunday School or a tree may be planted in her memory.

Arrangements by Libbey Funeral Home, Grand Rapids.