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IN MEMORY OF
Mary Emma Grant

DATE OF BIRTH
January 9, 1860

DATE OF DEATH
December 16, 1966

SERVICES FROM
Vogt Funeral Home
COI December 19, 1966 - 1:30 pm

CLERGYMAN OFFICIATING
Rev. Leonard Maunder

INTERMENT
Woodlawn Cemetery
Vermontville, Michigan

TOTAL COST

Alma L. Weiler

VERMONTVILLE—Mrs. Alma Louise Weiler, 73, died Thursday in a Charlotte hospital after a long illness.

She was a member of the Gold Star Mothers and Evening Star Chapter No. 342, OES.

Mrs. Weiler is survived by one son, Dick of Vermontville; one sister, Mrs. Bertha Truman of Fremont, Ohio, and three grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Vermontville Congregational Church, with burial in Woodlawn Cemetery. The body will be at Vogt Funeral Home until time for services.

Lawrence P. Smith

AC CHARLOTTE — Lawrence P. Smith, 80, a retired Carmel Township farmer, died of a heart attack Tuesday at Palmetto, Fla.

He was a lifelong Charlotte area resident and was a member of the Charlotte Grange.

Surviving are his wife, Mable; a daughter, Mrs. Kathryn Klais of Carmel Township; a son, Raymond of Lansing; and seven grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

The body is at the Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.
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Emma Grant

Funeral services for Mrs. Emma Grant, 106, believed to be the oldest resident in Michigan, were held from the Vogt Funeral Home in Nashville on Monday, December 19.

Mrs. Grant died Friday evening, December 17 at her home, 354 E. Main St., Vermontville.

Mrs. Grant was born on January 9, 1860 in Chester Township, Eaton County, just a short distance from the house on Main St. where she had lived for 54 years. She was the daughter of Marcus and Lucy (Clark) Olin. As a child she attended the Olin school, a half-mile from her home. This school later became known as the Ames School and after the district consolidated with the Vermontville Community schools several years ago, the red brick building reverted to the old Olin farm later purchased by Evert Steward. The building has been in use as a tool shed.

On December 3, 1880, she and Hiram Grant drove to Charlotte by horse and buggy. They were married in a minister's home and after the ceremony returned to the home of her parents.

They started housekeeping on a farm on Brown Road, northeast of Vermontville, and later built a house on the same property. After they moved into Vermontville in 1911, Mr. Grant continued to farm, driving back and forth to his rural property until he was 80 years old. He died in 1940.

Mrs. Grant learned to cook and bake as a young girl. After her marriage she baked her own bread and pastries, made butter, raised chickens, and sewed all the clothing for the family, even to making overalls for her husband and two sons. She also knit, and did fancy work. The first sewing machine she used was operated by turning the wheel by a little handle. This was before the pedal machine was invented.

At 14 she carded wool for two wool blankets, one of which is still in the family. The Grants also operated a sugar bush and that was in the days when

all the final boiling was done in the house. They used to make maple sugar in four-pound blocks, then Mr. Grant would pile it into a wagon and drive into Nashville or Vermontville to sell it for five or six cents a pound.

Several years ago Mrs. Grant attended the 50th wedding celebration of her daughter and son-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Douglas McNabb of Sunfield.

Mrs. Grant took an active interest in church affairs and the Vermontville Maple Syrup Festival, baking pies for the annual festivals until a few years ago.

She is survived by two sons, Grover H. of the Brown Road farm and Lynn D. Of Newaygo; two daughters, Mrs. Douglas (Nora) McNabb of Sunfield and Mrs. Jesse (Mary L) Baker, who, with her husband, had lived with her mother for several years; three grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren, and 13 great-great-grandchildren.

The Rev. Leonard Maunder officiated at the services, and burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery, Vermontville.