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Melba J. Irelan, age 92, longtime resident of Tecumseh, passed away, February 10, 2011 after a brief illness. She was born January 26, 1919 in Ypsilanti, MI the daughter of Royal and Rena (Jewel) Charlesworth. On January 26, 1938, she married Charles O. Irelan. He preceded her in death on February 17, 1996. Melba was a charter member of Tecumseh VFW Post #4187. She was a 50 yr. member of St. Peter Episcopal Church, Tecumseh and a 4H leader for many years. She is survived by her children, Sandra (Joe) Graf of Crystal River, FL, Jerry (Paula) of Tioga, TX, Dennis (Karen) of Tecumseh, John (Charlotte) of Pittsford, and Sandra (Dan) Laws; 14 grandchildren; 27 great grandchildren, and a great great grandson. In addition to her husband Charles, she was preceded in death by a daughter, Kendra; sons, Samuel and David; great grandson, Tyler; and sister, Mabel Kash. Funeral services will be held 2:00 p.m. Sunday February 13, 2011 at J. Gilbert Purse Funeral Home, Tecumseh, MI. Interment will follow at Deerfield Cemetery, Deerfield, MI. Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Saturday Feb. 12, 2011 at J. Gilbert Purse Funeral Home, Tecumseh. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Heat Association. Condolences may be offered online at: www.pursefuneralhome.com

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