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Lois Grace (Holcomb) Kohler of Clinton, MI, passed away December 2, 2014, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. She was born on December 25, 1928 in Milan, MI to Harlan Russell Holcomb and Grace Rebecca (Murray) Holcomb. She was preceded in death by her husband, Willard C. Kohler, Sr. her parents and a grandson, Jeremy Kohler. She is survived by her only sibling and older brother Harold Holcomb and her six children, Willard C. (Bonnie) Kohler, Jr., Janet (Tim) Jarratt, Suzanne (Burl) Ives, Russell Kohler, Ronald (Nancy) Kohler, and Grace-Anne (Kurt) Greaves, fifteen grandchildren, eight great grand-children as well as several nieces and nephews. Lois grew up on a family farm in Milan, MI. Her family was very close and they were all very hard workers; a couple of traits that were what made Lois who she was. While growing up in a rural farm setting, Lois learned her

craft of baking and sewing from her mother and grandmothers and enjoyed sharing her talents eventually with her family as well as with her church family and community. Lois loved to learn, sing, act, read and travel and her contagious smile coupled with her always positive attitude helped her make friends that lasted her entire lifetime. She attended Eastern Normal college (now EMU) to acquire a teaching degree, however, she met her soul mate, Willard (Bill) at a dance hall during a wedding reception and after 3 ½ years of college, they were married on January 1, 1949. Lois' prize possessions were not things, but her family. Lois was a very devoted wife, loving Mother and Grandmother. The most rewarding times of her life were working together on the Kohler family farm and bearing and raising her family. She cherished her children, their spouses and her grandchildren and great grandchildren immensely and Lois loved everyone and everything around her. After retiring from full time farming and putting their three boys in charge of the daily operations, Lois and Bill purchased a cottage in the Irish Hills area on Cambridge Lake. It was there, with her carefree spunk and sweetness, every holiday, reunion, birthday, anniversary, etc. was an occasion for celebration with a family party and a hand decorated, homemade cake and meal which always ended with one of her sweet kisses. She loved sewing and cooking for all the farm helpers during harvesting and for festive weddings or graduation parties, church events, etc. and was always willing to lend a hand to a neighbor in need or friend by dropping off something to eat with a warm smile and an offer to help in any way she could. Visitation will be held at St. James United Church of Christ, Saline, MI on Thursday, Dec. 4, from 2-4 and 6-8:30 pm and Friday, December 5 from 10 am until the time of service at 11 am. Burial will follow at the St. James Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to St. James United Church of Christ, 11005 W. Michigan Ave. Saline, MI 48176. Condolences can be offered to the family online at: www.PurseFuneralHome.com

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