

OB - Vivian L. Heikkinen

Obituaries

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Funeral Services for Vivian L. Heikkinen, age 87, of Painesville, will be held 11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2011, at the Zion Lutheran Church, 508 Eagle St., Fairport Harbor.

Vivian passed away Friday, Jan. 14, 2011, in Cleveland at the Hospice House of the Western Reserve.

She was Born Feb. 8, 1923, in Peninsula to Laura (Helper) and Lafie Gustafson.

She was a teacher for Painesville Township School System. She taught at Melridge and Grand River Elementary.

Vivian was a graduate from Bowling Green State University and earned her master's degree in education from Edinboro State College in Pennsylvania. Vivian was a member of Zion Lutheran Church. She was the historian and program chairperson of the Finnish Heritage Museum in Fairport Harbor. She was a member of the Vasa Club, Miscellany Club, Lake County Teachers Association, D.A.R., Colonial Dames and Lake County Genealogical Society.

She is survived by her son, Douglas (Debra Woodruff-Capper) Heikkinen of Philadelphia; daughters, Laura (Veikko) Malkamaki of Concord and Bonnie (Dave) McLeod of Newark, Ohio; grandchildren, Daniel Malkamaki of Concord and Dennis Malkamaki of Painesville and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Arthur Heikkinen and brothers, Raymond and Dale Hall. The family will receive friends 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the Potti Funeral Home, 1009 Mentor Ave., Painesville, and one hour prior to the funeral at the church.

Burial will be in Cedar Grove Cemetery in Peninsula.

The family suggest contributions may be made to Hospice of the Western Reserve or Zion Lutheran Church, 508 Eagle St., Fairport Harbor.

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Vivian was a member of the Roane County Historical Society since 2007.