

# ISCHUA VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## IN MEMORY OF IDA MAE GARDNER

On April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2014 Ischua Valley Historical Society lost one of its most valuable members. Ida Mae Hentges Weimer Hooper Gardner passed away peacefully.

A life member, she served as Secretary of the organization for years and kept the most incredible minutes and records. She diligently contacted the media to remind the public about our meetings and events.

She worked tirelessly on numerous projects that helped to preserve our area history. Ida also assisted with projects for the Cattaraugus County Museum at Lime Lake.



A former school teacher, she lived life to the fullest. She raised four children in an Air Force family, living throughout the United States and abroad.

Later in life she married Richard Gardner and they lived a life of fun and adventure. Ida was also a world traveler, visiting China, Thailand, Australia, New Zealand and several European countries.

She enjoyed all the activities offered by our organization and loved the field trips.

She was an active member of the Baptist Church and the Philomantic Society.

She leaves behind four children, nine grandchildren and six great grand children, in addition to the members of the Historical Society who will miss her enthusiasm, loyalty and wonderful smile.

"People pass through our lives like a never-ending stream, others stop and touch our hearts with a warmth that never leaves. Rest in peace my friend".