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Funeral services for Gladys E. McMeans, a retired teacher from Lake Orion and Waterford schools and author of "My Island Home," are at 11 a.m. Saturday.

Mrs. McMeans died Wednesday at the age of 91.

She taught reading and remedial reading to students at both districts.

"She loved teaching and getting the kids together," Elma Rubright, her daughter, said. "When they'd give up, she'd spark their interest and get them going again."

Her 1992 book describes her

childhood life on West Sister Island in Ohio. It includes memories of taking a sailboat across Lake Erie to get Christmas supplies and one day finding a dead body on the beach.

Mrs. McMeans first published only enough copies of her book for her grandchildren and family to enjoy. But interest in her work grew and she had more copies produced and distributed by an Ohio historical society and retail stores.

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Historical Society and the Immanuel Congregational Church of Oxford.

She was a member of the American Association of University Women and the Michigan Retired Teachers Association.

Her funeral services will be at the Bossardet Funeral Home in Oxford with the Rev. Arthur Habermehl officiating. Burial will be in the Oxford Cemetery.

Friends may visit 2-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. Saturday.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Immanuel Congregational Church or the Northeast Oakland Historical Society.

Other survivors include her children, Allen McMeans of Arizona and Ina Donnelly of Oxford; 13 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren and her sister, Elizabeth Washer of Lake Orion.

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Robert McMeans added that his grandfather, Horace Curd, was lighthouse keeper on West Sister Island, which is now a protected wildlife sanctuary.

Recently Mrs. McMeans returned to the island with her son, Robert, who said the visit was a bittersweet experience.

"It was a lot of fun, but she was kind of disappointed. Her old home was gone. It had become a wildlife sanctuary," he said.

Mrs. McMeans was very active in the Northeast Oakland

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**MCMEANS, GLADYS E.**; age 91; of Oxford; November 15, 1995; beloved wife of the late Wayne; loving mother of Robert (Patricia) McMeans of Oxford, Allen (Judy) McMeans of AR, Elma Rubright of BC Canada, Ina Donnelly of Oxford and the late David McMeans; 13 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; also survived by her sister Elizabeth Washer of Lake Orion. Mrs. McMeans was a member of the American Association of University Women, the Michigan Retired Teachers Association, the NE Oakland Historical Society and the Immanuel Congregational Church of Oxford. She taught school in Lake Orion and Waterford for many years and was the author of the book "My Island Home". Funeral services will be Saturday, November 18, 11 a.m. at the Bossardet Funeral Home, Oxford, Rev. Arthur Habermehl officiating. Interment Oxford Cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home Friday 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Memorials contributions may be made to the Immanuel Congregational Church or the NE Oakland Historical Society.