

Mitch, Beatrice

Beatrice B. Mitch, 86, of Port Austin, died Wednesday, May 14, 2003, at Huron Medical Center in Bad Axe. She was born on Oct. 28, 1916 in Parisville, daughter of the late Anthony and Martha (Kowalski) Kucharczyk. She and Joseph Mitch were married Jan. 4, 1962 at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Port Austin. Bea moved to Port Austin with her husband, F. Clayton Minnick, in 1945 and ran the Lakeside Inn Hotel with the Minnick family. Clayton preceded her in death in 1950. She continued to operate the business and remarried Ted McMahon in 1952. They purchased Sam's Bar in 1953. Ted preceded her in death in 1959. Bea then married Joseph "Steamline" Mitch in 1962 and together they continued to operate Sam's Bar, which they renamed B-Line Bar, until 1981. Bea was a member of the American Legion Frank Horetski Post 499 Ladies Auxiliary, the Michigan Licensed Beverage Association, and of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Port Austin. She enjoyed playing the piano and the organ since she was a little girl. She also loved to dance, read and bake bread. Bea is survived by her husband, Joseph; two children, Thomas Minnick and his wife, Kris, and Carol Lee and her husband, Earl; five grandchildren, Robert Minnick, Joseph Minnick, Sheri Pelletier, Frank Jacobs and his wife, Patti, and Kelly Draper and her husband, Tony; five great-grandchildren, Geoffrey, Gregory and Elise Pelletier and Meagan and Tyler Draper; brother, Art Cook; sisters-in-law, Leone Todd and Gernith Janos; brothers-in-law, George, Steve, and Albert Mitch. Funeral mass will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 17, 2003, at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Port Austin. Officiating will be the Rev. Robert Pare'. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. There will be a parish rosary at 7:30 p.m. tonight at the Knoblock Funeral Home in Kinde. Visitation will be conducted from 2 to 9 p.m. today, and from 9 to 10:30 a.m. on Saturday at the Knoblock Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to the Port Austin Library and the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan Inc.