

Mayes, Betty I.

Betty Mayes, 84, of Port Austin, died Tuesday, December 6, 2005, at Huron Medical Center in Bad Axe. She was born on September 25, 1921 in Bad Axe, daughter of the late Edward and Nettie (Stoufer) McCrea. Betty married Harold Mayes on March 19, 1943. He preceded her in death on October 29, 1997. Betty was a graduate of Bad Axe High School and then of Michigan State College, where she was a member of the Varsity Debate Team and later a member of the alumni association. She also was a member of the Port Austin Priscilla Club and the Port Austin Historical Society. Betty was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Port Austin and was a past Girl Scout leader. Betty is survived by three sons, James (Bonnie) Mayes, of Leslie, William (Karen) Mayes, of Lansing, and Michael (Laura) Mayes, of Port Austin; two daughters, Janet (George) Eidson, of E. Wenatchee, Washington, and Laurie Mayes, of Linden; 10 grandchildren, Scott (Mary Jo) Mayes, Kim (Larry) Stalbaum, Mark Mayes, Niki Mayes, John Farquhar, Lori (Mark) Wurn, Chad Eidson, Josh Eidson, Adam Mayes, and Eric Mayes; six great-grandchildren. She is also survived by two brothers, Bill (Lena) McCrea, of Bad Axe, and Bob (Beverly) McCrea, of Bad Axe; one sister, June Hamill, of Castle Rock, Colorado; and her in-laws, Ray (Lynne) Mayes, of Port Austin, Ed (Jane) Mayes, of Port Austin, Mark Flannery, of Bad Axe, Venice Finan, of Port Austin, and Sally Mayes, of Mt. Pleasant. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. on Friday, December 9, 2005, at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Port Austin. Officiating will be the Rev. Robert Paré, pastor. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. There will be visitation from 2 to 9 p.m. today at the Knoblock Funeral Home in Kinde and from 10 a.m. until the time of the service at 11 a.m. on Friday at the church. A vigil service will be conducted at 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Huron County Community Foundation, the Huron Medical Center Foundation, and the Arthritis Foundation.