

**Tanton, Helen J.**

Helen J. Tanton, 89, of Minden City, passed away on Thursday, July 7, 2005, in the long term care unit of the Harbor Beach Community Hospital. Born in Detroit on March 30, 1916, she was the daughter of the late John and Veronica (Bozak) Matek. On October 17, 1936, Helen was united in marriage to Edwin Kirsch in Detroit. Edwin preceded her in death on January 21, 1962. On April 23, 1965, Helen married Howard Tanton in Bad Axe. He preceded her in death on March 6, 1979. Helen was a member of the former United Church of Christ in Forestville. Surviving are her children, Dale Kirsch and his wife, Kathleen, of Minden City, James Kirsch and his wife, Judy, of Harrison Township, and Dianne Ritter and her husband, Gary, of Casco; nine grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; a sister, Donna Mancevich, of Gladwin. Helen was preceded in death by a sister, Josephine Albright; and by four brothers, Victor, James, Bruno and Stanley. A private family visitation and service took place on Saturday, July 9, 2005, at the Ramsey Funeral Home in Harbor Beach. Pastor Ryan Budde officiated and burial has taken place in the East Delaware Cemetery, Forestville.