Wierenga, Betty

Betty Wierenga, 85, of Flint and formerly of Bad Axe, passed away Thursday, June 12, 2008 at the Grand Blanc Nursing Center in Grand Blanc.

She was born Oct. 2, 1922 in Bad Axe. She was the daughter of the late Cash and Frances (Abraham) Cook.

Miss Betty Cook and Ronald Nugent were united in marriage in 1947. He preceded her in death in 1949. She then married Charles Wierenga in 1951 and he also has preceded her in death. Betty attended the Sacred Heart Catholic Church during the time she was a resident of Bad Axe. She lived in Flint with her husband, Charles, for many years.

She worked at the Ford Plant in Detroit as a Rosie the Riveter during World War II manufacturing airplanes.

Surviving are her brother Kenneth Cook and his wife, Elaine, of Troy; one sister, Marie Dafoe and her husband, Glenn, of Mount Pleasant; one sister-in-law, Dolores Rambo of Bad Axe. She also is survived by several nieces and nephews.

Betty was preceded in death by her brother, Cash Cook.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, June 17, 2008 at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Bad Axe. Fr. James Carlson will be officiating. Burial will take place in Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery, Bad Axe.

Visitation will be conducted from 9 a.m. until the time of service at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the church. Funeral arrangements are being handled by the MacAlpine Funeral Home in Bad Axe.