

## **Rupprecht, Nancy**

Nancy Jane Rupprecht, 61, owner of the Carriage House Flowers and Gifts, died Sunday morning, Jan. 13, 2002, at Huron Medical Center in Bad Axe. She was born April 9, 1940, in Alliance, Ohio, to the late Jay and Fern (Wartluft) Lutz. After high school, Nancy went on to Capital University in Columbus, Ohio, receiving her bachelor's degree in elementary education. She taught in Ohio for a year. On Aug. 1, 1964, she was united in marriage to William A. Rupprecht in Paris, Ohio. They moved to Elkton in 1965 and she taught at the Kingston School that year. The next school year she began teaching at Elkton Elementary, staying with the Laker school system until June 1976. In July 1976, she and her husband opened the Carriage House Flower and Gifts store in Bad Axe. Bill, also a teacher at Lakers, died Sept. 6, 1986. Nancy continued operating the store until April 2000, when her health began to fail. She was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, Berne. She loved to quilt and hand made many beautiful quilts, only to give them to someone less fortunate. She also enjoyed gardening, cooking and baking, and was always aware of the importance of literacy to young children. Surviving are her brother, Jay Lutz, Jr., of Bad Axe; two sisters, Joy Armstrong and her husband, Bill, of Bad Axe and Charlene Grimminger and her husband, Lerane, of Paris, Ohio; her sister-in-law, Nancy Dean and her husband, Ken, of Howell; three nephews, Mike Grimminger and his wife, Melinda, Daniel Grimminger, and Craig Dean and his wife, Lisa; two nieces, Carrie Meod and her husband, Jim, and Melissa Dean; and two great-nieces, Julia and Angela. Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 17, 2002, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Berne. The Rev. James Gorsegnor, pastor will officiate with burial in Cross Lutheran Cemetery in Pigeon. Visitation will be 2 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at Champagne Funeral Chapel in Elkton and after 10 a.m. Thursday at the church. Memorials may be given to the Accelerated Reader Program at Laker Elementary.