

Matthews, Elsie M.

Elsie M. Matthews, 82, of Bad Axe passed away Tuesday, Sept. 25, 2007 at the Huron County Medical Care Facility.

She was born May 22, 1925 in Port Hope, daughter of the late Alexander and Marie (Wildermuth) Ruppel. She graduated from Port Hope High School and on June 2, 1944 married George W. Matthews. He preceded her in death on Jan. 7, 2000. Elsie was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Bad Axe and was a bookkeeper for about 30 years. She enjoyed reading and visiting.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Sharon and Doc Rogers of Bad Axe; her grandchildren, Craig (Samantha) Matthews of Port Huron, Mark (Kelly) Matthews of East China, Jim (Renee) Rogers of Kansas and Katie (David) Batzer of Bad Axe; six great-grandchildren; brothers, Gerald (Gloria) Ruppel of Port Hope, Tom Ruppel of Harbor Beach; sisters, Esther Stroh of Port Huron, Janet Holbert and Sandra (John) Asselin of California and Eleanor Taylor of Idaho; sister-in-law, Caroline Ruppel of Rochester Hills; aunt and uncle, Beth and Tony Galan of Port Huron; and many cousins, nieces, nephews and good friends.

She was preceded in death by son and daughter-in-law, David and Marcia Matthews; step mother, Hannah Ruppel; one brother, Arnold Ruppel; two sisters-in-law and their husbands Hazel and Earl Jurgess and Jean and Earl McDonald.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Sept. 28, 2007 at the First United Methodist Church in Bad Axe. The Rev. Greg Rowe will officiate. Burial will be in Colfax Township Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 1 to 5 and from 7 to 9 p.m. today at MacAlpine Funeral Home in Bad Axe and from 10 to 11 a.m. Friday at the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be offered to the First United Methodist Church and Hospice Advantage.

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