

## **Van Valin, Joyce**

Joyce M. Van Valin, 71, died on Sunday, Aug. 26, 2001, at her home in Caseville where she has resided since 1992. Mrs. Van Valin was born in Lakeview on April 23, 1930, daughter of the late Cliff and Clara (Bates) Imhoff. She graduated from high school in Lakeview and worked in the local bank before attending Spring Arbor Junior College. She graduated from Greenville College and later completed some graduate courses at the University of Michigan in Dearborn. She was an elementary school teacher in Lexington, Ky. and a substitute teacher in Dearborn. She married the Rev. H. Frank Van Valin on Aug. 21, 1953. She has served alongside her husband in Free Methodist churches in Pittsburgh, Pa., Dearborn, Greenville, Ill., Clarkston, Milan, New Middletown, Ohio, and West Branch, as well as two churches recently in the Thumb. She has served in Christian education as director, teacher, Bible study, community outreach leader, and camp director. She has been pianist, organist, choir member, and in small vocal groups all of her adult life. Mrs. Van Valin was a member of the Bad Axe Free Methodist Church since 1994. Surviving with her husband are their three sons and one daughter and daughters-in-law, Paul Van Valin and his wife, Becky, of Chesapeake, Va., Mark Van Valin and his wife, Linda, of Indianapolis, Ind., Carol Moore of West Branch, and Steven Van Valin and his wife, Jamie, of Ofallon, Miss.; ten grandchildren, Eric, Kristin, Delynn, John David, Jeremy, James, Andrew, and Matthew Van Valin, and Jackson and Jordan Moore; three step grandchildren, Brook, Mark, and Kate Benz; one step great-grandchild, McKenna Donnelly; and two sisters, Jane Freeman and Elaine Ingraham and her husband, Duane. She was preceded in death by a son-in-law, Marselle Moore. The funeral service will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 30, 2001, at the Bad Axe Free Methodist Church with the Rev. Jerry Sutton officiating. Burial will be at 4 p.m. at the Salt River Cemetery in Shepherd. A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. on Friday, at the Dearborn Free Methodist Church in Dearborn. Visitation will be from 4 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday at Meyersieck-Bussema Funeral Home, A Golden Rule Funeral Home in Pigeon and from 9:30 a.m. until the time of service at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday at the Bad Axe Free Methodist Church. Memorials may be made to Spring Arbor University or Greenville College.