

### **Purkhiser, Laverne**

Laverne Purkhiser, 84, of Port Hope near Lighthouse Park, passed away at her home on Saturday, February 5, 2005, following an extended illness. Born in Louisville, Kentucky, on January 13, 1921, she was the daughter of the late Orville and Emma (Humphrey) Schardine. She was married to Robert Purkhiser and together they owned and operated the Purkhiser Rustic Cottages near Lighthouse Park from 1972 to 1989. Laverne was a gifted artist painting many pictures, and was a seamstress, enjoying making clothes. She was a wonderful, loving wife, mother and grandmother. She was a former member of the Order of Eastern Star and the BPW in Bluffton, Indiana. She is survived by her husband, Robert Purkhiser, of Port Hope; a son, Jay Purkhiser and his wife, Beth, of Auburn, Indiana; a daughter-in-law, Suzy Purkhiser, of Villeur Banne, France, and two grandchildren, Caitlin and Kelly. She was preceded in death by a son, Robert Purkhiser, in 1982. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, February 8, 2005, at the Ramsey Funeral Home in Harbor Beach with Karen Bouverette, chaplain for Heartland Hospice, officiating. Burial will be in the New River Cemetery, Huron City. Visitation will be from 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. on Monday and from 10 a.m. until the time of service at the funeral home on Tuesday.