

# **ARNOLD BARTON**

## **1915 - 1990**

Huron County civic leader Arnold Barton, age 74, of Bad Axe, passed away Saturday, March 17 at Huron Memorial Hospital, Bad Axe after a short illness.

He was born Sept. 23, 1915 in Bad Axe, son of the late Earl and Belle (Scott) Barton. He married Mary Elizabeth "Betty" Lundy on Nov. 10, 1939. She preceded him in death on Dec. 5, 1988.

Mr. Barton was a parishioner of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Bad Axe and was a 1935 graduate of Bad Axe High School. Barton spent 37 years employed at Detroit Edison Co. as a marketing representative and office manager. He retired from the Bad Axe office in 1975.

Mr. Barton was active in community affairs with the American Red Cross, serving as county fund chairman and regional vice chairman for Michigan and was nominated for the American Red Cross Board of Governors.

He also organized Little League baseball in Bad Axe and was president and manager of the first Little League organization in Huron County. Mr. Barton was past chairman of Michigan Week and was long active in planning projects for Michigan Week through county schools. After retiring from the Detroit Edison Co., he became the executive director of Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Huron County.

He and his late wife were active in the local Democratic Party and were personally invited to President John F. Kennedy's inauguration and the inaugural ball. Mr. Barton was also a past member of Verona Hills Golf Club and the Pigeon Rotary Club.

Surviving are two sons, Dennis Paul Barton, Detroit and Thomas Clark Barton, Gladwin; one daughter, Mrs. Karl (Mary Elizabeth) Kraus, Caseville; five grandchildren; one brother, Clark Barton, Zilwaukee; one step-sister, Mrs. Asa (Lois) Apley, Bad Axe and one stepbrother, Bob Winger, Midland.

He was preceded in death by one son, Michael Barton.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, March 21 at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Monsignor Olin J. Murdick, pastor, will officiate with burial in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Bad Axe.

A parish scripture service was held Tuesday at MacAlpine Funeral Home, Bad Axe.

Memorials may be made to Sacred Heart Carillon Bell Fund, Huron Memorial Hospital or the Bad Axe Public Library.