

Kotenko, Erdene

Erdene Ruth Kotenko, 82, resident of Port Austin, died Thursday, January 8, 2004, at the Huron Medical Center in Bad Axe. Mrs. Kotenko was born June 27, 1921 in Elkton to the late Harry and Estella (Pfaff) Schmidt. She was married to Michael Kotenko on December 18, 1942. He preceded her in death in 1988. Erdene was a former member of Bad Axe United Methodist Church. She grew up in Bad Axe and graduated from Bad Axe High School in 1939. She lived in Detroit for 20 years before moving to Port Austin. She wintered in Ft. Myers, Florida. She was a devoted Detroit Red Wings fan. She also enjoyed bowling, crafts, cooking, gardening and playing bingo. Mrs. Kotenko is survived by two daughters, Judith Kotenko and her friend, Anthony Chordej, of Livonia, Barbara Metz of Brighton; one brother, Pete Schmidt and his wife, Jean, of Port Austin; two grandsons, Robert Farnsworth and SPC Michael Farnsworth, of Brighton; two nephews, Tom Schmidt, of Port Austin, Steve Schmidt and his wife, Denise, of Port Austin; one niece, Belma Schmidt, of Lexington; several other nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her nephew, Peter Schmidt. Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Saturday, January 10, 2004, at MacAlpine Funeral Home-Gage Chapel in Kinde. The Rev. Robert Garret will officiate. Burial will take place at a later date in Colfax Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4 to 9 p.m. today and from 10 to 11 a.m. on Saturday at the funeral home. Memorials may be offered to the Family Discretionary Fund.