Kautz, Helen I.

Helen Iva Kautz, 81, of Bad Axe, passed away Wednesday, December 22, 2004, at the Huron County Medical Care Facility in Bad Axe.   She was born August 17, 1923 in Sigel Township to the late Louis and Marnie (Dobson) Detgen.   Helen was united in marriage to John Henry Kautz on February 7, 1942. He preceded her in death on November 27, 1980.   She was a member of Our Savior Lutheran Church, Bad Axe, the Lutheran Ladies Auxiliary and she also taught Sunday school. Over a period of years Helen worked at Unell Manufacturing in Port Hope and at Hamill Manufacturing in Bad Axe. She enjoyed traveling, crocheting, knitting and gardening. Helen especially enjoyed dancing and visiting with family and friends.   She is survived by one son, Randy Kautz and his wife, Patti, of Durand; one daughter, Sharon Collings and her husband, Roy, of Verona Township; two brothers, Edward Detgen and his wife, Hilda, of Bad Axe, Ernest Detgen, of Bad Axe; two sisters, Evelyn Penfold and her husband, Robert, of Colorado and Darlene Shuart, of Bad Axe; nine grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.   She was preceded in death by one brother, Laverne Detgen. Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Monday, December 27, 2004, at the Our Savior Lutheran Church in Bad Axe. Officiating will be the Rev. Kenneth Lueke, pastor. Burial will be in the Colfax Township Cemetery Masoleum in the spring.   Visitation will be from 1 to 9 p.m. on Sunday at the MacAlpine Funeral Home in Bad Axe and from 10 a.m. until the time of the service on Monday at the church.   Memorials may be offered to Our Savior Lutheran Church Building Fund.