

Gowen, Eldora

Eldora Josie Gowen, 93, of Bad Axe, passed away on Tuesday, Jan. 21, 2003, at Huron Medical Center in Bad Axe. She was born on Dec. 30, 1909 in Lincoln Township, daughter of the late Fred and Effie (Wood) Gilbert. She married Alfred W. Gowen in February of 1930 in Toledo, Ohio. He preceded her in death on Sept. 18, 1981. She graduated from Bad Axe High School in 1927 and attended Huron County Normal to prepare for a job in education. She taught at Church, Stanton, and Bad Axe schools. She was a great baker and seamstress. She enjoyed reading, gardening, and the quilting guild, as well as staying busy with her family. She was a member of Our Savior Lutheran Church in Bad Axe. Eldora is survived by one daughter, Nancy Williston and her husband, David, of Bad Axe; one sister, Aleta Wills of Bad Axe; one grandson, David Williston and his wife, Vicki, of Walled Lake; two great-grandsons, Chad Williston of Freeland and Adam Sawicki of Atlanta, Ga.; four great-granddaughters, Heather Sawicki of Freeland, Cindy Barnhart of Walled Lake, Kimberly Ryan of Canton, Tammy Keeley of Clarkston; five great-great-granddaughters; and five great-great-grandsons. She was preceded in death by one brother, Kenneth Gilbert; and two sisters, Jack Genevieve Wooley and Eva Jean Reimann. Services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 24, 2003, at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Bad Axe. Interment will be in the Colfax Mausoleum. Visitation will be from 2 to 9 tonight at the Kaufman Funeral Home in Bad Axe or from 10 a.m. until the service time on Friday at the church.