

### **Detgen, Norma J.**

Peacefully, with her family by her side, Norma Jean (McDonald) Detgen, 74, resident of Bad Axe, passed away at Select Specialty Hospital in Saginaw on June 2, 2004. Norma was born January 28, 1930 in Bad Axe to William and Florence (Dunlap) McDonald. She married Ernest J. Detgen of Port Hope on June 24, 1940. Norma attended Bad Axe Public Schools and graduated from State College of Beauty Culture in Highland Park. Following her marriage, she was a devoted wife, mother, homemaker, and business partner to her husband. She was a loving and compassionate person, totally devoted to her family. She delighted in her grandchildren and enjoyed taking trips out west. The gift and heritage that she leaves to her family and grandchildren was her love of children and enjoyment of babies. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Bad Axe, where she fostered the faith in her children. She will lovingly be remembered and sadly missed by her husband, Ernest Detgen. She leaves to cherish her memory two daughters, Connie Van Doeselaar and her husband, Paul, of Mount Pleasant, Bonnie Smendzuik and her husband, John, of Traverse City; one son, Jim Detgen and his wife, Kasey, of Alva, Oklahoma; grandchildren, Matthew and Christina Van Doeselaar, of Mount Pleasant, Michael and Steven Smendzuik, of Traverse City, Branden Detgen and his wife, Starlet, of Traverse City, Becky Hansel and her husband, John, of Kansas City, Missouri, Ted and Tyler Detgen and Kaleb Schrock, all of Alva, Oklahoma; one great-granddaughter, Rylee Hansel, of Kansas City, Missouri; one sister, Thelma Gorang, who provided loving care and comfort to Norma. She also is survived by many nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother, Jim McDonald. Words cannot express our thanks and appreciation to the devoted family, friends, and caregivers who tended to Norma with kindness and compassion. A service to celebrate the life of Norma Jean Detgen will be conducted at 1 p.m. on Saturday, June 5, 2004, at Bad Axe First Presbyterian Church. The Rev. Jan Dykshoorn, pastor, will officiate. Interment will be at Colfax Township Cemetery in Bad Axe. Pallbearers will be her beloved grandsons. The family will be present to receive relatives and friends at the MacAlpine Funeral Home in Bad Axe from 2 to 9 p.m. on Friday and from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday at the church. A luncheon will follow at the church for family and friends. If friends so desire, memorials may be offered to the Family Discretionary Fund. Friends and relatives may leave a message for Norma's family at [www.macalpine.yourtribute.com/NormaDetgen](http://www.macalpine.yourtribute.com/NormaDetgen).