

Della M. Johnston

Della M. Johnston, 86, of Bad Axe, passed away on Nov. 4, 2011 at the Huron County Medical Care Facility.

Della was born on Aug. 18, 1925 in Filion, the daughter of the late Joseph and Theresa (Steinetz) Carriveau. She married Wayne Charles Johnston on May 18, 1946 in Bad Axe. He preceded her in death on May 7, 1990. Della worked for Reeds Drug Store in Bad Axe, moved to Ubly to manage a second Reeds store and later purchased that business with her husband, Wayne. Together they operated Johnston's Party Store until 1971, when the store was sold. They then moved to Bad Axe where Della worked at Murray's and Kritzman's until her retirement. She enjoyed working with and meeting people that she could help with their needs.

Della was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Bad Axe and the Order of Eastern Star. She enjoyed bowling, sponsored a bowling team in Ubly that traveled to different tournaments, and supported all of Ubly's activities. Della, along with several other friends her age, were charter members in developing and casting the ever popular Alabama Jubilee during the 1960s. She loved spending time with friends and family, especially at her trailer in Oak Beach where she hosted many gatherings. Her strong family values, quiet personality and caring attitude made her many friends that span several generations.

She is survived by her son, David (Deborah) Johnston of Neenah, Wis.; four grandsons, Christopher (Amy) of Hazel Park, Bradford of St. Charles, Ill., Brent of Stevens Point, Wis., and Gregory of Lexington, SC; one great-grandson, Zachary of Hazel Park; two sisters, Catherine Dinsmore of Fort Smith, AK and Bertha June Stroschein of Bad Axe; two brothers, Robert (Eleanor) Carriveau of Kinde and Joseph (Donelda) Carriveau of Bad Axe; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by one brother, John Carriveau.

A memorial service will be at 1 p.m. Friday, June 15, 2012 at the Bad Axe First Presbyterian Church.

Visitation will be from noon until the time of the service on Friday at the church.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established in her name.

The family would like to thank the management and staff at Huron County Medical Care Facility, especially the third floor nurses and aides as well as the nurses from Heartland Hospice for their excellent care. In addition, a special thank you to Gary Malchow and his staff at Holiday Inn Express for their caring attitude and giving the family a home away from home.

Arrangements by the Kaufman Funeral Home in Bad Axe.