Williams, Erwin

Erwin L. Williams, 85, life-long resident of Bad Axe, died Sunday, April 1, 2001, at his home. He was born on April 27, 1915, in Morganton, N.C. to the late Thomas Samuel James and Viola (Smith) Williams. On April 5, 1941, Mr. Erwin Williams and Miss Wilma Murdock were united in marriage in Bad Axe. Erwin was employed with Johnson Foods and Fairmont Foods. He farmed and was a self-employed carpenter. He also worked in the coal mines in West Virginia. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, and traveling. He was a life member of the Verona-Huron Mason Lodge No. 365, and a member of the Bad Axe First United Methodist Church. He is survived by his wife. Wilma: four daughters. Joanne Renn and her husband. Terry, of Pigeon, Connie Dubs and her husband, Walter, of Elkton, Janette Rumsey and her husband, Lance, of Invergrove Heights, Minn., and Sally Pearl and her husband, Vincent, of Bad Axe; three sons, E. David Williams and his wife, Marianne, of Elysburg, Pa., Dan Williams and his wife, Cynthia, of Mansfield, Texas, and Randy Williams of Bad Axe; 20 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Katherine Crow, and Evelyn Wright both of Shelby, N.C.; three brothers, Robert Williams and his wife, Patricia, of Orlando, Fla., Dwight Wright and his wife, Margaret, of Nashville, Tenn., and Charles Wright and his wife, Mary, of Shelby, N.C.; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by one brother, Thomas Williams; and two brothers-in-law, Dean Wright, and B.D. Crow. Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, April 4, 2001, at the First United Methodist Church in Bad Axe with the Rev. William Wright officiating. Burial will be in Colfax Township Cemetery. A Masonic service will be offered at 7 p.m. tonight at the MacAlpine Funeral Home of Bad Axe. Visitation will be from 7 to 9 p.m. tonight and from 1 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday at the funeral home in Bad Axe and from 10 to 11 a.m. on Wednesday at the church. Memorials may be offered to the First United Methodist Church of Bad Axe, or Huron Memorial Hospital - Hospice, 1100 S. Van Dyke, Bad Axe, MI 48413.