

McCoy, Olive

Mrs. Olive S. McCoy, 81, of Bad Axe passed away Sunday evening, August 25, 2002, at the Huron Medical Care Facility of Bad Axe. Olive was born Oct. 10, 1920 in Minden City to the late Dolph and Mary (Stein) Schock. She married William McCoy on Dec. 30, 1939 at Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church of Saginaw. Olive was a 1938 graduate of Bad Axe High School. She received her teaching certificate and her masters degree in arts from Central Michigan University. She taught for 48 years at various area schools including Muldoon Rural School, Minden City Public School, Harbor Beach Public School, Bad Axe Public School, N.E. Sanilac County School, and Ubly Public School, where she was elementary principal from 1965 to 1969. She enjoyed teaching, especially in the lower elementary grades where according to her, the children would readily absorb their lessons much like a sponge absorbs water. She was active in PTA in all schools, and recognized the importance of keeping parents informed and involved in their children's education. She was a member of the Michigan Education Association and the Michigan Public School Employee Retirement System (MPSERS) and a past president of the Huron County MPSERS. She loved every minute of her 48-year career before she retired in 1990. Religion was of great importance and provided much meaning and comfort to Olive throughout her life. For many years, she was a parishioner at Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church of Ruth before becoming a parishioner at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Bad Axe. She belonged to the Christian Mothers Society at both parishes. She was a former member of the Bad Axe Daughters of Isabella. She was a dedicated wife, mother, and teacher. Her love and enthusiasm for life provided her with many interests, especially continual education. She also loved dancing, bowling, and playing cards, especially bridge. She had a special fondness for flowers. Olive will be missed very much by those who love her. She is survived by her husband, William, of Bad Axe; two sons, Donald J. McCoy and his wife, Michele, of Holly, and Richard J. McCoy and his wife, Patricia, of Bad Axe; two daughters, Nancy MacKenzie and her husband, Alister, of Lake Port, and Karen Resmer and her husband, Gerry, of Midland; nine special grandchildren, Justin, Simon, Kathy, Don, Bill and his wife, Angela, Kim, Matt, Sarajane, and Emily Ann; three sisters, Betty Moxlow of Detroit, Marion Teeple and her husband, Donald Sr., of Minden City, and Doris Schumacker and her husband, Gerald, of Romeo; sister-in-law Audrey Schock of Minden City; and a very special care giver, Nancy Ligrow. Olive was preceded in death by two sons, James P. in 1962, and William J. Jr., in 1966; one brother, Harold Schock Sr.; and one brother-in-law, Robert Muxlow. Funeral mass for Olive McCoy will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 29, 2002, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church of Bad Axe. The Rev. John Killop, pastor, will officiate. Burial will be in Sts. Peter & Paul Cemetery of Ruth. There will be a parish vigil service at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Zinger-Smigielski Funeral Home of Ubly. Visitation will be from 2 to 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, and from 9 to 10 a.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials may be given to the Bad Axe Public Library.