



Berniece Josephine Bean, 86, of Bad Axe, formerly of Port Austin, passed away peacefully on July 1, 2016, at Huron County Medical Care Facility. She was born in Dwight Township on December 8, 1929 to the late Leo and Mary (Waldkowski) Yaroch.

In 1945, she married Al F. Hewitt. He preceded her in death in 1969. Berniece then married Donald Bean in 1972. He also preceded her in death in 1991.

Berniece was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church/Annunciation of the Lord Parish in Port Austin. She was known for her pie crust. She enjoyed baking and gardening.

Berniece is survived by her son, Albert "Chum" Hewitt of Caseville; her daughter, Linda (Harvey) Davis of West Virginia; grandchildren: Garrett, Mary Lou, Shamrock, Rocky, Katrina, and Tiffany; great grandchildren: Cody, Erik, Meredith, Emma, Carter, Lauren, Taylor and Joel; her sister, Geraldine Siemen of Bad Axe; her brother, Roman (Leona) Yaroch of Macomb County; son in law, Chet O'Cull of Grindstone; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Sharon O'Cull; sons: Robert and Dennis Hewitt; son in law, Curtis Birchfield; brother: Casimir (Louise) Yaroch; sisters: Irene (Raymond) Jaworski, Florence (Edward) Teper, and Regina Yaroch; and grandsons, Michael and Brian.

Mass of Christian burial will be 11 am on Wednesday, July 6th at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Port Austin with Fr. Rob Pare officiating. Burial will be at the church cemetery.

Visitation will be 2 – 8 pm on Tuesday, July 5th at the MacAlpine Gage Chapel in Kinde with a Scripture service at 7 pm. Visitation will also be at the church on Wednesday, July 6th 10 am until time of service.

Memorials may be offered to Huron County Medical Care Facility or to the family discretionary fund.

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