

Brinker, Elizabeth

Elizabeth May Brinker, 86, former resident of Bad Axe and Kinde, died Monday, Feb. 3, 2003, at Lake Orion Nursing Center in Lake Orion after a brief illness. Elizabeth was born Jan. 2, 1917 in Huron Township to the late Frederick and Elizabeth (Davidson) Aisthorpe. After the death of her mother, she was adopted by the late Daniel and Gertrude (McGuire) McDonald. Elizabeth was a graduate of Kinde High School where she played the drums in the high school band. On April 25, 1936, she was united in marriage to Clayton E. Brinker of Kinde at LaGrange, Ind. In the spring of 1944, Mr. and Mrs. Brinker moved from Kinde to Bad Axe, where they resided until the late 1970's. Elizabeth was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Bad Axe and Eastern Star. She was a Girl Scout leader and Sunday school teacher. Elizabeth was active in her children's education. She was a room mother for many years and was instrumental in supplying clothing and food to families in need. Elizabeth also did the interior decorating in the Brinker Lumber Company model homes. Her cooking, baking and canning skills were exceptional. She enjoyed traveling, gardening and family get togethers. She is survived by her loving husband of 66 years, Clayton E. Brinker; daughters, Kaye McDonald and her husband, David, of Bad Axe, Charlotte Patton and her husband, Jack, of Lake Orion, Carmen Ferguson and her husband, Robert, of Seward, Alaska, Kirsten Brinker, Michael Mundth of Pontiac; ten grandsons; two granddaughters; and five great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her son, William Kurt Brinker and daughter, Constance Elizabeth Wilson. Funeral services will be at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 5, 2003, at MacAlpine Funeral Home-Gage Chapel in Kinde. The Rev. Jan Dykshoorn will officiate. Burial will be in New River Cemetery. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. until the time of service at 1:30 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials may be offered to the Lighthouse Hospice, 24293 Telegraph, Suite 102, Southfield, MI 48034.