Banek, Helen

Helen Cottick Banek, 83, of Bad Axe, beloved wife of Tony, died unexpectedly Monday, Nov. 25, 2002, at Saginaw St. Mary's Hospital after an apparent heart attack. She was born Sept. 3, 1919 in New York, N.Y., daughter of the late Nikslaj and Wena Zalozezky. Helen and Michael Cottick were married in 1942. He preceded her in death in 1967. She married Tony Banek in April of 1969 at St. Felix Catholic Church in Pinnebog. Helen was a parishioner at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Bad Axe. She loved singing, dancing and garage sales. Surviving are her husband, Tony; two sons, Mike Cottick and his wife, Jean, of Bad Axe, Stanley Cottick of Pigeon; two daughters, Mary Ann Gajewski and her husband, Leonard, of Romeo, Beth Bouverette and her husband, Jerome, of Bad Axe; four grandchildren, Andrea Drouillard and her husband, Chris, of Bloomfield Hills, Laura Gajewski of Grand Rapids, Michael Cottick and his wife, Susan, of Chicago, Matthew Cottick and his wife, Loren, of Chicago; two great-grandchildren, Calyn Drouillard and Sarah Cottick; one brother; one sister; and one sister-in-law, Helen Banek of Bad Axe. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 30, 2002, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Bad Axe. The Rev. John Killop, pastor, will officiate. Burial will be in the church cemetery. A parish scripture service is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Friday at the H. W. Weitenberner Funeral Home in Bad Axe. Visitation will be from 1 to 9 p.m. on Friday and from 9 to 10 a.m. on Saturday at the funeral home.