

### **MacAlpine, Alta M.**

Alta M. MacAlpine, 93, lifelong resident of Bad Axe, died Friday, December 5, 2003, at Huron County Medical Care Facility. Mrs. MacAlpine was born April 11, 1910 in Meade Township near Fillion. She was the daughter of the late William and Greta (Bowerman) Nelson. Miss Alta M. Nelson and Alden A. "Mac" MacAlpine were united in marriage on March 25, 1932 in Dayton, Kentucky. Mr. MacAlpine preceded his wife in death on May 13, 1998. The couple had been married over 66 years. Mrs. MacAlpine was a life member of the First United Methodist Church, Bad Axe. She was a graduate of the Bad Axe High School Class of 1928; a graduate of Huron County Normal College; and taught at Farver & Hagle Rural Country Schools from 1930 until 1932. She was a life member of Huronia Chapter #81 Order of the Eastern Star; a charter member of the Bad Axe Recreation Bridge Club, and served as past President of Verona Hills Golf Course, Women's Division. She enjoyed playing golf, bridge, tending to her African Violets, cooking and visiting with her family and friends. Soon after their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. MacAlpine established the MacAlpine Funeral Home in 1933. It still remains a family operated business in the third generation. Surviving are one daughter, Ruth Ann Gillis and her husband, John, of Havertown, Pennsylvania; two sons, William MacAlpine and his wife, Marilyn, and Thomas MacAlpine, both of Bad Axe; eight grandchildren, James Gillis, Christina Gillis, Lori Clancy and her husband, Douglas, Clark MacAlpine and his wife, Yumi, William MacAlpine II and his wife, Lisa, Martin MacAlpine, Erin MacAlpine, Rene Parks and her husband, William; eight great-grandchildren, Andrea, Sean and Sara Clancy; Maiya, Ellen, Sydney, Samuel and Nicholas MacAlpine; one brother-in-law, Charles Green, of Bad Axe; one sister-in-law, Leola Davis, of Indianapolis, Indiana; several nieces and nephews also survive. Mrs. MacAlpine was preceded in death by three sisters, Mabel Eyth, Ruth Green, and infant sister, Geraldine Nelson. Funeral services will be conducted 11 a.m. on Tuesday, December 9, 2003, at the First United Methodist Church in Bad Axe. Rev. William Wright, pastor, will officiate. Burial will take place in Colfax Township Cemetery. An Order of the Eastern Star memorial service will take place at 8 p.m. on Monday at the MacAlpine Funeral Home in Bad Axe. Visitation will be at the funeral home from 1-9 p.m. on Monday, and at the church from 10 a.m. until the time of the service at 11 a.m. on Tuesday. Expressions of sympathy may be offered to the First United Methodist Church, Huron County Medical Care Facility Park Fund, or the Bad Axe Public Library.