

Josephine "Jo" Smith, 64, of Bad Axe passed away Wednesday, Dec. 28, 2011 at Courtney Manor in Bad Axe.

She was born on May 9, 1947 in Lima, Ohio to the late Joseph Nelson and Corrinne (O'Neill) Souva.

Her family moved to Kinde in 1963. She was a graduate of the North Huron High School class of 1965.

She was employed by Hamill Manufacturing for many years. She worked in area restaurants, did home care and worked for Voltran. For the last several years, she was a volunteer for the foster grandparents program through the Human Development Commission of Caro. She was also a volunteer at George E. Greene Elementary School. She loved helping her teachers and students in any way she could. Jo loved visiting with her children, grandchildren, family and many friends.

She is survived by two sons, John "Chip" Gucwa Jr., and his special friend, Holli, of Bad Axe and Jeff Gucwa of Ubly; two daughters, Jodi Gucwa of Ubly and Jami (Doug) McKichan of Bad Axe; one brother, Don Souva of Lima, Ohio; one sister, Dianne (Bruce) Bowman, of Lima, Ohio; four grandchildren: Ellery Gucwa of Cass City, Shaelee Gucwa of Bad Axe, Dennis "Bubba" Webber of Ubly and Zoe McKichan of Bad Axe; and several nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by one sister, Eve Armentrout.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday, Jan. 2, 2012 at Faith Gospel Tabernacle at 3086 Rescue Road, Bad Axe.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. until the time of services Monday at the church.

Arrangements are being made by the Kaufman Funeral Home in Bad Axe.