

### **Champagne, Sondra**

Sondra E. Champagne, 57, of Sebewaing, died Monday morning, March 17, 2003, at Brian's House in Essexville following an eight-year-long illness. She was born on April 22, 1945 in Sebewaing, daughter of the late Harold and Kathryn (Howard) Dutcher. She was a 1963 graduate of Sebewaing High School. Sondra and Edmund P. Champagne united in marriage on Aug. 8, 1964, in Bad Axe. He preceded her in death on Sept. 11, 2000. She had been employed at the Airport Motel in Sebewaing and also had been employed at the former Pitcher's Ben Franklin Store for 22 years until the store closed several years ago. She is survived by two sons, Edmund P. Champagne Jr. and his wife, Kathy, of Owendale, Kevin M. Champagne and his special friend, Katherine Kelley, of Fairgrove; four grandchildren, Edmund Grant, Hunter Lee, Janel Nicole and Jessica Kelley; two sisters; Connie Foutch and her husband, David, of Springport and Kathy Dutcher; two brothers, Charles Dutcher and his wife, Janet, and Russell Dutcher, all of Sebewaing; and several nieces and nephews. The funeral service will take place at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, March 19, 2003, at the Dinkel-Juengel Funeral Home in Sebewaing. The Rev. John Heim, pastor of the Owendale United Methodist Church will officiate with burial in the Sebewaing Assembly of God Cemetery. Visitation will be from noon to 9 p.m. tonight and from 9 a.m. until the time of the service on Wednesday in the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the Family Discretionary Fund.