Mary Elizabeth Barton

Mary Elizabeth Barton, 65, of Saginaw, formerly of Bad Axe, passed away Monday, Jan. 10, 2011, at Covenant–Cooper Hospital after a lengthy illness.

Beloved mother, grandmother, sister and aunt, Mary Elizabeth was born Jan. 26, 1945 in Bad Axe, the daughter of the late Mary Elizabeth (Lundy) and Arnold LeRoy Barton.

She graduated from Bad Axe High School with the class of 1963. She received her Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Saginaw Valley State University and had been employed as a social worker for the State of Michigan, Family Independence Agency (now Department of Human Services). She was a woman of strong faith and was an active member of Holy Family Catholic Church. She was an avid reader, loved dogs and especially loved her family.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law and four granddaughters, Matthew and Lisa Kraus, and their daughters, Kaitlin and Mackenzie, of Ada; Brian and Dana Kraus, and their daughters, Morgan and Sara, of Grand Rapids; one brother and sister-in-law, Dennis and Margaret Barton of Caseville; and several nieces, nephews and their families.

Another brother, Thomas Barton, predeceased her.

Funeral Liturgy will take place at 10 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 13, 2011 at Holy Family Catholic Church, 1525 S. Washington Ave., Saginaw.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. until the time of Mass Thursday. Private committal will take place in Sacred Heart Cemetery in Bad Axe.

Those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider Holy Family Catholic Church. www.casefuneralhome.com.