

Margaron, Betty

Betty "Jean" Margaron, 70, of Mesa, Ariz., formerly of Port Austin, died Friday, May 26, 2000. She was born Jan. 6, 1930, in Springfield, Ill. On March 12, 1949, she married Oscar "Joe" Margaron in Decatur, Ill. She became a resident of Port Austin in 1965 and she relocated to Mesa, Ariz., in 1994. While in Port Austin, Jean was active in a number of civic organizations. She was a member and former officer of the Port Austin American Legion Women's Auxiliary Post No. 499, and a founding board member and an EMT for Thumb Ambulance. She ran a number of civic bingo games, ran the Port Austin meal site and worked at the meal site for the Commission on Aging Center in Bad Axe. For a number of years, she owned a resale shop in Port Austin. She is survived by three daughters, Beverly Reichert of Oxford, Deborah Fetkin of New London, Conn., and Cynthia Margaron of Mesa, Ariz.; four sons, Michael Margaron of Atlanta, Ga., and Gary Margaron, Tracy Margaron and his wife, Lissa, and Marshall Margaron, all of Mesa, Ariz.; two brothers, Billy Followell and Ray Followell and his wife, Louise, all of Springfield, Ill.; nine grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Oscar "Joe", in 1988. A memorial service will be conducted at 11 a.m. Tuesday, June 6, 2000, at the Port Austin United Protestant Church, with the Rev. Robert Garrett, pastor, officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to National Kidney Foundation or the American Diabetes Association.