

Rees, Mabel "Jean"

Mabel "Jean" Rees, 81, of Bad Axe passed away on Wednesday, Jan. 16, 2008 at Covenant Harrison Hospital in Saginaw.

She was born on Dec. 30, 1926 in Dwight Township, daughter of the late Joseph and Mary (Perdue) McDonald.

She married William "Bryce" Rees on Sept. 14, 1949 in the Bad Axe Free Methodist Church. He preceded her in death on Aug. 26, 2001.

Jean worked at the Sears Catalog Store for 11 years and for Thumb Radio and TV for eight years, before becoming a self-employed seamstress. She was a member of the Bad Axe Free Methodist Church where she faithfully served in a variety of ways. She also loved being in the Foster Grandparents Program both at North Huron Schools and the Huron Learning Center programs, where she received her 10-year certificate.

Jean's selfless giving of herself to her family, her church, and her community will always be appreciated by those who knew and loved her.

She is survived by two daughters, Susan (Bobby) Tribble of The Villages, Fla., Robin (Ben) Phillips of Bad Axe; two sons, Roger (Nancy) Sines of Phoenix, Ariz., Bruce (Debbie) Sines of Clinton Township; one brother, Clayton (Mary Ellen) McDonald of Swartz Creek; four sisters, Jeannette (James) Hewitt of Ubly, Josephine Taylor of Caro, Mary Lou (Kirk) Powers of Highland, Frances (Bob) Jelinek of Suttons Bay; one sister-in-law, Leona McDonald of Arizona; 12 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by one son, Allen Sines; one brother, Evans McDonald. A memorial service will be conducted at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 19, 2008 at the Bad Axe Free Methodist Church. Officiating will be the Rev. Jerry Sutton, pastor.

Visitation will be from noon until the service time at 1 p.m. on Saturday at the church.

Arrangements by the Kaufman Funeral Home in Bad Axe.