

Perkins, Esther

Esther Perkins, 86, longtime resident of Bad Axe, died Wednesday morning, May 7, 2003, at the Huron County Medical Care Facility in Bad Axe. She was born Dec. 6, 1916 in Port Hope, daughter of the late Emil and Frances (Fuhrman) Schelke. Esther married Owen Perkins on April 18, 1935. He preceded her in death on Nov. 6, 1989. Mrs. Perkins was a member of the Bad Axe Church of the Nazarene, in which she was very active and served on the church board. She was employed at the Dibble's store for 20 years at the candy counter. She enjoyed reading and visiting with family and friends. Esther is survived by two daughters, Shirley Silveira and her husband, John, of Cape Cod, Mass., Gloria Coiner and her husband, Paul, of Bad Axe; one son, Owen Perkins, of Bad Axe; two sisters-in-law, Elizabeth Schelke, of Bad Axe, and Elsie Schelke, of Sun City, Ariz.; six grandchildren, Kelli MacDonald and her husband, Sean, William Silveira and his wife, Trisha, Lisa Liddell, Leslie Maurer and her husband, Donald, Dan Coiner and his wife, Tara, Christian Coiner; six great-grandchildren, Meaghan and Kyle MacDonald, Katlyn and Eric Silveira, John Paul Liddell, Danielle Maurer; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Owen; one sister, Emma McIntyre; three brothers, Lawrence Schelke, Alfred Schelke and Clarence Schelke. Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 10, 2003, at MacAlpine Funeral Home in Bad Axe. The Rev. Brian Crampton will officiate. Burial will be in Colfax Township Cemetery. Visitation will be from 1 to 9 p.m. on Friday and from 9 a.m. until the time of the service at 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Memorials may be offered to the Bad Axe Church of the Nazarene Building Fund or charity of the donor's choice.