

Wernette, Emma P.

Emma Pietruck Wernette, 85, of Bad Axe died Sunday, Feb. 22, 2009 at Scheurer Medical Center in Pigeon.

She was born May 19, 1923 on a Oliver Township farm home to Hamilton and Tillie (Hawks) McFarland. Emma was a lifelong resident of Oliver and Colfax Township, where she attended Cedar Country School.

Emma was united in marriage to Nicklaus Pietruck on June 21, 1941 and after celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary he passed away in 1994.

Mrs. Wernette was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Bad Axe for over 56 years. She was also a member of the Farm Bureau, the Bad Axe and Kinde Senior meal site, and a former member of the Port Hope retirees.

Emma loved to entertain, bake cakes, cookies and pies. She enjoyed playing cards, watching game shows, sports and visiting with her family and friends. She especially loved being with her grandchildren along with helping her husband, Nick, and her son, Dale, on the family farm.

She is survived by her present husband of 11 years, Lee Wernette; one daughter, Shirley (Chuck) Dowling of Escanaba; one son, Dale (Donna) Pietruck of Pigeon; one sister-in-law, Helen Szweg of Florida; 10 grandchildren, Robert (Andrea) Dowling, Karen (Ken) Iler, Donna (David) Capps, Mark Dowling, Michelle (Dale) Lingaur, Chris Dowling, Lindsay Pietruck, Shelby Pietruck, Aaron Jacobs, and Jenny Jacobs; 10 great-grandchildren; four step-sons and their wives; four step-daughters and their husbands; as well as many step-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Connie; and two grandsons, Tom and Alan Dowling. Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 26, 2009 at the First United Methodist Church in Bad Axe. The Rev. Jean Love will officiate with burial in Colfax Cemetery. Visitation will be from 2 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at MacAlpine "Mac" Chapel and from 10 a.m. until the time of service Thursday at the church.

Memorials may be offered to the Bad Axe First United Methodist Church.