

MARY ELIZABETH "BETTY" BARTON

1918 - 1988

Civic leader Mary Elizabeth "Betty" Barton, age 70 of Bad Axe, passed away Monday, Dec. 5 at the Huron Medical Care Facility, Bad Axe after a long illness.

She was born Feb. 17, 1918 in Detroit, daughter of the late C.P. and Philonene E. (Jackman) Lundy. She was united in marriage to Arnold Barton on Nov. 10, 1939.

Mrs. Barton taught school in the Detroit parochial school system before moving to Bad Axe in 1939. She was an active leader in community and political affairs.

Active in the American Red Cross, Mrs. Barton also served as secretary for the Huron County Democratic Party and was regional advisor to former congressman James G. O'Hara and was the Huron County chairman for President John F. Kennedy. She assisted Huron County Probate Court regarding home evaluations, was director of the Huron County Agriculture Census and served as a long-time secretary of the board for the former Bad Axe General Hospital.

She was a professional interviewer and chairman of the election committee for Bad Axe and Hume Township. She also served on the board of Catholic Family Services and was the school census taker for the Bad Axe School District.

She was a lifelong sports fan, and operated Wexford Lodge, Port Austin with her husband from 1967 to 1984. Mrs. Barton was also active in local clubs, Little League, Boy Scouts and other organizations.

Mrs. Barton is survived by her husband, Arnold; one daughter, Mrs. Karl (Mary) Kraus, Caseville; two sons, Dennis Barton, Detroit and Thomas Barton, Gladwin and six grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, Michael Barton.

Funeral services were conducted Friday, Dec. 9 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Bad Axe. Monsignor Olin J. Murdick, pastor and the Rev. Robert Shine, pastor at St. Michael's Catholic Church, Port Austin, officiated with burial in the Sacred Heart Cemetery, Bad Axe.

Funeral arrangements were handled by the MacAlpine Funeral Home, Bad Axe.

Memorials may be made to the Sacred Heart Carillon Bell Fund, Huron Memorial Hospital, Bad Axe Public Library or the Huron County Medical Care Facility.