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## Josephine Elizabeth Rutz

Josephine E. Rutz, 97, of Port Austin, died Tuesday, Aug. 18, 2009 at Courtney Manor in Bad Axe.

She was born Feb. 10, 1912 in Dwight Township, daughter of the late John and Elizabeth (Prill) Knoblock.

She and Edward Rutz were married on June 1, 1935 at St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church in Detroit. He preceded her in death on May 8, 1958.

Josephine taught pre-school in the Detroit area for 35 years. She and her family spent all of their summers in Port Austin since 1949. In her later years, she spent her winters in Florida. She enjoyed gardening, as well as, playing bingo, pinochle and poker. Most of all, she enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren. Josephine was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Port Austin.

She is survived by her two sons, Kenneth (Sharron) Rutz of Port Austin and Cliff (Barbara) Rutz of DeBary, Fla.; seven grandchildren, Scott Rutz, Todd Rutz, Chris Rutz, Ken Rutz Jr., Robin Prodin, Susan Prince and Katherine Rutz; and nine great-grandchildren.

Josephine was preceded in death by 11 brothers and sisters.

Funeral Mass will be conducted at 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 22, 2009 at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Port Austin. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Visitation will be conducted from 2 to 8 p.m. Friday and from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday at the Knoblock Funeral Home in Kinde. There will be a rosary at 7 p.m. Friday evening at the funeral home.