

**Bland, Patricia**

Patricia L. Bland, 57, lifelong resident of Bad Axe, died Tuesday morning, January 20, 2004, at Courtney Manor in Bad Axe. She was born May 27, 1945 in Huron County to the late Harvey Harold and Eva (Rifenbark) McMullen. Patricia married Marion Bland on December 30, 1980. He preceded his wife in death on July 7, 1988. Patricia worked at General Motors and Caro Manufacturing. She enjoyed traveling, shopping and listening to music. Patricia is survived by three sons, Harvey George Bland, of Pigeon, Ivan Esco Gingrich and his wife, Wendy, of Elkton, Ernest Lee Samerick, of Bad Axe; two sisters, Evelyn Erb, of Elkton, and Barb Reese, of Elkton; three granddaughters, Stephanie Gingrich, Hope Gingrich, and Shania Gingrich, all of Elkton; one grandson, Brian Bland, of Pigeon; and special friend, Bill McClain, of Bad Axe. Funeral services will be conducted at 10 a.m. on Thursday, January 22, 2004, at MacAlpine Funeral Home in Bad Axe. Visitation will be from 2 to 9 p.m. today at the funeral home. Burial will take place at a later date in Verona Cemetery. Memorials may be offered to Seton Cancer Center, 2780 Main Street, Marlette, Michigan 48453.