

Spaulding, Helen

Helen Spaulding, 89, of Fort Myers, Florida and formerly of Bad Axe, passed away on Wednesday, November 30, 2005, at Huron Medical Center after a brief illness. She was born August 23, 1916 in Yonkers, New York to the late Louis and Susan (Kriston) Kovach. She married John Spaulding in 1939, who preceded her in death in 1983. Helen, and her twin sister, Ethel, graduated from Owendale High School in 1934 and attended St. Mary's School of Nursing in Detroit. She worked as a R.N. at St. Mary's Hospital until permanently moving to Bad Axe in 1949. She worked as a surgical nurse at Bad Axe General Hospital many years before working as the Huron County health nurse, and finally as the nurse at Dr. Roy Gettel's office until retiring in 1966. She and Jay moved to Florida in 1968 and returned to Bad Axe every summer. She is survived by two daughters, Ethel Shaw and her husband, Jim, of Bad Axe, and Barbara O'Neill, of Seattle, Washington; one son, Richard Spaulding, of Seattle, Washington; one sister, Margaret Haslett, of Leesburg, Florida; two sisters-in-law, Mary Kovach, of Clio, and Marge (Kovach) Corning, of Muskegon. Her surviving grandchildren are Mark O'Neill, of Puyallup, Washington, Michael Shaw and his wife, Shelly, of Bad Axe, Steven Shaw, of Oxford, Scott Shaw and his wife, Pamela, of Troy, and Kristin Wright and her husband, Scott, of Ubyly; and eight great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by six brothers, Alonzo, Joseph, Frank, Louis, William, and George Kovach; and her twin sister, Colonel Ethel Kovach Scott. Memorial services will be at 1 p.m. on Saturday December 3, 2005, at the MacAlpine Funeral Home in Bad Axe. Visitation will be at noon until the time of the service on Saturday. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that any donations be directed to the Huron Medical Center in loving memory of Helen Spaulding.