Brown, Elizabeth

Elizabeth (Betty) Brown, 70, of Port Austin passed away on Friday, Dec. 26, 2008 at St. Mary's Hospital of Saginaw after a long struggle with complications following surgery.

She was born on May 5, 1938, daughter of the late Earnest C. and Margaret (Stewart) Miller. She married Donald Brown in 1957. He preceded her in death on July 17, 2007.

She lived in Rapson until her marriage in 1938. Elizabeth and her husband raised their family and operated their own business in Warren. She has been in Port Austin for the past 30 years where she owned and operated her marina business.

She was a member of St. Michael Catholic Church in Port Austin, the Grindstone-Port Hope Sportsmen's Club, U & I Club in Port Austin, and the Daughters of Isabella. She was an avid reader who enjoyed dancing. Spending time with her loving family was her special joy. She is survived by one son, Gregory Brown of Port Austin; two daughters, Deanna (John) Carpenter of Warren, Patricia Forth of Warren; two grandchildren, Jessica Brown of Clinton Township, Danielle Brown of Ann Arbor; one great-grandson, Dylan Grace of Clinton Township; one aunt Georgena Stewart of Port Austin; and her special friend, Ernie Slavick of Bad Axe. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Cynthia Brown.

Services will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 31, 2008 at St. Michael Catholic Church in Port Austin. Officiating will be Fr. Andrew Booms, pastor. Burial will be in St. Joseph Cemetery in Rapson.

Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. on Monday, from 1 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday at the Kaufman Funeral Home in Bad Axe, or from 9:30 a.m. until the service time at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday at the church. A scripture service will be offered at 7 p.m. on Monday and a Daughters of Isabella Rosary at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, both at the funeral home.