

Rowland, Linda W.

Linda W. Rowland, 64, of Bad Axe, died Saturday, September 17, 2005, at her home. Linda was born August 9, 1941 in Taylor, Pennsylvania to the late Hayden and Alice (James) White. At an early age, Linda and her parents moved from Pennsylvania to Flint. In 1963, she married John Mitchell Rowland and moved to Bad Axe the following year. For 33 years she taught in the Bad Axe Public Schools. She also was the co-director of the Bad Axe Public School Drama Department at the time of her passing. Linda's drama interests started early with her appearance on a Channel 5 variety show with her ventriloquist act. Mrs. Rowland was the first woman chairman on the board of directors at Huron Memorial Hospital, and was a board member up until her death. She was a very active member of the church choir. Linda also enjoyed reading, traveling, animals and golfing. Linda was a graduate of Flint Northern High School's class of 1959. After high school, she attended and graduated from Alma College in 1963 with a bachelor of arts degree. At Alma, she was the Campus Day Queen and a member of the homecoming court. She was a member of the Alma College choir, which toured both the northeast and southeast parts of the United States. She is survived by her husband of 42 years, John; two sons, John H. Rowland and his wife, Lina, of Nashville, Tennessee, David Rowland and his wife, Jill, of Bad Axe; one daughter, Sara Herman and her husband, Laurence, of Oak Brook, Illinois, one sister-in-law, Dr. Anne Le Sher, of Middletown, Delaware; two grandchildren, Elizabeth H. Rowland, of Nashville, and Mitchell D. Rowland, of Bad Axe. She also leaves behind many friends and former students. Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, September 20, 2005, at the First United Methodist Church of Bad Axe. The Rev. William Wright will officiate. Burial will take place at Colfax Cemetery. Visitation will be from 7 to 9 tonight, and from 3 to 9 p.m. on Monday at the MacAlpine Funeral Home in Bad Axe, and from 10 to 11 a.m. on Tuesday at the church. Memorials may be made to the Bad Axe Public Library, Huron Medical Center Foundation and the Bad Axe Public Schools Drama Department.