

**Weitzel, Irene C.**

Irene C. Weitzel, 90, lifelong resident of Huron County, passed away Friday May 2, 2008 after a short illness, at the Huron County Medical Care Facility.

Irene was born Feb. 16, 1918 in Bad Axe to the late Elmer H. and Clara (Isler) Binder.

Irene Binder and Walter F. Weitzel were united in marriage Nov. 16, 1942. Walter preceded her in death April 23, 1982.

Irene was a member of the First Baptist Church in Bad Axe, a member of the Key Class and taught Sunday School Kindergarten Class for many years. She sang in the Senior Choir. She was a member of the Michigan Farm Bureau and a Huron County Farm Bureau Community Action Group. Irene was employed at McDonald's Food and Family Center for 40 years. She enjoyed playing the piano and many other musical instruments. She also wrote poetry and was known for her pie baking. She and Walter made many friends growing strawberries and raspberries in their neighborhood size garden.

Mrs. Weitzel is survived by her daughter, Winifred (Raymond) Adams of West Bloomfield; her son, William (Carol) Weitzel of Pigeon; her grandchildren, Craig, Kara and Eric Weitzel; and her brother, Carl Binder of Bad Axe.

She was preceded in death by six brothers, George, Wilfred, Clarence, Walter, Ernest and Harvey Binder.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Tuesday May 6, 2008 at the Bad Axe First Baptist Church with the Rev. Jay Barsaleau, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in the Verona Township Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 2 to 9 p.m. Monday at MacAlpine Funeral Home, and 10 a.m. until time of service Tuesday at the church.

Memorials may be offered to the Bad Axe First Baptist Church or Hospice of Michigan.