

**Schweitzer, Esther M.**

Esther M. Schweitzer, 86, of Bad Axe, passed away Tuesday, April 13, 2010 at the Huron County Medical Care Facility.

She was born Nov. 6, 1923 in Elkton to Jacob Sr. and Katherine (Frank) Deering. She married Gilbert F. Schweitzer on July 19, 1947 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Linkville. He preceded her in death on June 26, 1994.

Esther was a member of Our Savior Lutheran Church in Bad Axe where she volunteered on many committees over the years. She also had been a Huron County employee for 36 years, retiring in 1986. During her tenure with the County, she worked as a clerk in the Register of Deeds Office, the Probate Court office, the Treasurer's Office and the Address-O-Graph Department.

During the last 15 years of her employment she worked as a Deputy Clerk for District Court Judge John T. Schubel. Esther also served as a crossing guard for George E. Greene Elementary School for many years at the Huron Ave. and Western St. intersection in town, a job she really loved. She also enjoyed needlework in years past, loved to bake and tend to her flowers. She especially enjoyed spending time with family and friends.

Esther is survived by her daughters, Kay (Lynn) Sommerfeld of Wyoming, Mary Schweitzer of Lexington, Ky.; sons Alan (Jean) Schweitzer of Kalamazoo, Perry Schweitzer of Lansing; sister, Frances Spaeth, of Ocala, Fla.; brothers Harold Deering of Cass City, Millard (Beatrice) Deering of Bad Axe, Donald (Doris) Deering of Elkton, Gerald (Judy) Deering of Caseville and Richard (Joyce) Deering of Sandusky. Surviving also are dear sisters-in-laws Vera, Elvera and Janet Deering and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her sister Ada Hutchinson, her brothers Edward, Jacob Jr. and Ralph Deering and brothers-in-law William Spaeth and Orval Hutchinson.

Funeral Services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 17, 2010 at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Bad Axe. The Rev. Kenneth Lueke, will officiate. Burial will be in Colfax Township Cemetery, Bad Axe.

Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. on Friday at the MacAlpine Funeral Home in Bad Axe.

Memorials may be offered to Our Savior Lutheran Church and the Huron County Medical Care Facility.