

DeChane, Katherine

Katherine Direlle DeChane, 62, of Bad Axe died Thursday, Aug. 10, 2000, at St. Mary's Hospital, Saginaw. She was born Nov. 30, 1937, in Phoenix, Ariz. She was the daughter of the late Lee and Ruth (Hartenbower) Drake. She graduated from high school in Phoenix and later attended college in Long Beach, Calif., for bookkeeping. Miss Katherine Drake and Mr. Harold DeChane were married on July 27, 1957, in Phoenix. He preceded her in death on Aug. 10, 1991. She was employed with Huron Behavioral Health in Bad Axe as support staff. Prior to that she worked at Business Service, Long Beach. Katherine liked doing crafts, playing bingo, bowling, volunteering at Camp Fowler and the Special Olympics through Thumb Industries. Surviving are her daughter, Debbie Jurges and her husband, Tim, of Bad Axe; six grandchildren, Cory DeChane, Merritt Ligrow, James Ligrow, James Jurges, Kathylyn Jurges and Julia Jurges; seven brothers and sisters, Harold Wygal of Arkansas, Walter Wygal, Gordon Drake, Phillip Drake and Pat Eierman, all of Arizona, Dorothy McDonald of Michigan and Paul Drake of Texas; one sister-in-law, Evelyn Voss of Bad Axe; two brothers-in-law, Gerald DeChane and his wife, Ilene, of Bad Axe and Richard DeChane and his wife, Francis, of Eastpointe; and several nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 12, 2000, at the MacAlpine Funeral Home, Bad Axe, with the Rev. Jerry Sutton, pastor of the Bad Axe Free Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will take place in Colfax Township Cemetery. Visitation will be 3 to 9 p.m. today and from 10 a.m. until the time of services at 11 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the Bad Axe Public Library or to the Bad Axe Free Methodist Church.