

Willett, Ruth

Ruth Marie Willett, 85, of Bad Axe, died Saturday, May 22, 2004, at Huron Medical Center in Bad Axe. She was born August 9, 1918 in Detroit to the late Donald and Cleo (Shoemaker) Littlefield. Ruth married Tom Lenehan on April 4, 1942. He preceded her in death on November 1, 1989. She married Cliff Willet on September 23, 1995. Ruth received a bachelor of arts degree from Wayne College in Detroit. Ruth was an art teacher in the Detroit Public and Southfield Public Schools for over 35 years. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Bad Axe, United Methodist Women Sodality, the Bad Axe Historical Society, Genealogy Society, and the Michigan Log Cabin Society. She enjoyed crocheting, sewing, drawing, flowers, gardening, and planting trees. Mrs. Willett is survived by her husband, Cliff; two sons, Kevin Lenehan and his wife, Carol, of Maryland, Brian Lenehan and his wife, Joy, of Ann Arbor; one daughter, Donna McCatty and her husband, Jim, of Oxford; one brother, Donald Littlefield and his wife, Delores, of Grosse Pointe; seven grandchildren, Deanne Lenehan, of Westminster, Maryland, Lauren McCatty, of Oxford, Andrea McCatty, of Oxford, Kelly Lenehan, of Valparaiso, Indiana, Andy Lenehan, Alyssa Meyer, Emily Meyer, all of Ann Arbor; three step-daughters, Bonnie Ligrow and her husband, Louis, of Bad Axe, Connie Respondek and her husband, Larry, of Whittemore, Linda Jury and her husband, Darrell, of Bad Axe; one step-son, Larry Willett and his wife, Jackie, of Ypsilanti; nine step-grandchildren, Michelle Pollinger and her husband, Jeff, of Alden, New York, Jody Ligrow and his wife, Rebecca, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Shannon Tetreau and her husband, Lynn, of Bad Axe, Sheree Boone and her husband, Walter, of Bad Axe, Heather Jury, of Ubyly, Jacob Respondek, of St. Petersburg, Florida, Ryan Respondek and his friend, Jolynn Piotter, of Bad Axe, Tara Hoeksema and her husband, Patrick, of Redford, Cory Willett and his friend, Danita King, of Milan, Billy Sinkule, of Ypsilanti; 11 step-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. on Wednesday, May 26, 2004, at Bad Axe First United Methodist Church. The Rev. William Wright will officiate. Burial will be in Colfax Township Cemetery. Visitation will be from 7 to 9 p.m. today and from 1 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday at MacAlpine

Funeral Home in Bad Axe, and from 10 to 11 a.m. on Wednesday at the church. Memorials may be offered to the Bad Axe First United Methodist Church or the Bad Axe Historical Society. The web tribute for Ruth may be accessed at www.macalpine.yourtribute.com/RuthWillett.