

Pratt-Rines, Helen M.

Helen Marie Pratt-Rines, 83, formerly of Filion, went home to be with her Lord Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2009 at Harbor View Adult Foster Care in Port Huron with her family at her side.

She was born Helen Marie Deacons to the late George and Viola Deacons in Armada June 19, 1925. She went to Filion School and graduated from Kinde High School.

She married her lifelong sweetheart, Clarence Pratt, in Filion at her parent's home Aug. 7, 1943 by the Rev. Marion Lowe of the Presbyterian Church in Bad Axe. They raised five children and were married 54 years until Clarence passed away in 1997.

Helen worked for Hamill Manufacturing and was a nurse's aid at Huron Memorial Hospital. She also did home health care for the ill and elderly. She was loved by her patients for her tender loving care.

Helen married Stanley Rines Nov. 1, 1998 at The First Presbyterian Church in Bad Axe by the Rev. Jan Dykshoorn. She spent the past 10 years in Freedom, New Hampshire and Zephyrhills, Fla. with Stanley until she became ill. She then returned to Michigan to be with her family.

Helen enjoyed visiting her children and her grandchildren. Her sense of humor and good nature will be missed by all.

She is survived by her husband, Stanley Rines of Freedom, N.H.; her children, Diana (Bob) Repp of Port Huron, Sharon (Bob) Haldane of Bad Axe, Dale Pratt of Ubly, Wayne Pratt of Port Austin, Vicki (Chuck) Knowlton of Port Huron. She is also survived by her step-children, Jeri (Mark) McKinley, Kris Rines, and James (Brooke) Rines. Helen had eight grandchildren, Jill (Steve) Emery, Jennifer (Chris) Lee, Michelle (Don) Dixon, Jessica (Derek) Bach, Amy (Eric) Maust, Cortney Henderson, Carrie Pratt and Dustin Henderson; and many great-grandchildren. She also had many step-grandchildren; and several step-great-grandchildren. She is survived by two brothers, Howard (Nancy) Deacons of Filion and Eugene (Mary) Deacons of Zephyrhills, Fla.; two sisters, Joyce Guza of Buckley and Eileen (Franklin) Miller of Filion. She also leaves behind many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Clarence Pratt; her parents; one sister, Donna (Chuck) Eddie; and daughter-in-law, Julia Pratt.

Services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, 2009 at the Bad Axe First Presbyterian Church. Officiating will be the Rev. Jan G. Dykshoorn, pastor. Burial will be in Colfax Cemetery. Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. Friday at Kaufman Funeral Home in Bad Axe and from 10 a.m. until the service time at 11 a.m. Saturday at the church.

Memorials may be offered to Heartland Hospice or the Bad Axe First Presbyterian Church.