

# AUDREY ELIZABETH KNECHTEL

1928 - 1998

Our beloved Audrey Elizabeth Knechtel, age 70, passed away Tuesday, October 20, at her home in Bad Axe after a long illness.

She was born January 31, 1928 in Bay Port, daughter of the late Phineas and Gladys (Ballard) Walsh. Rev. L. R. Burgess united her and Wayne W. Knechtel in marriage on June 26, 1947 at the Elkton Evangelical Church.

Mrs. Knechtel lived for love of family, enjoyed crafts and crocheted for her loved ones throughout her illness. She was also passionate about the music of her piano, and spent many hours assembling jigsaw puzzles and doing crossword puzzles. She was an enthusiastic homemaker, active in the Bad Axe Senior group, member of the Elkton Extension Club and Elkton United Methodist Church. She was blessed with vitality and an appreciation for life's beauty. Her faith in the Lord and promise of eternal life were a blessing and inspiration to her.

Surviving are her husband, Wayne; two daughters, Janice (Michael) Parker of Naperville, IL and Julia (Dale) Pratt of Ubyly; three grandchildren, Christopher Parker of Huntington, IN, Melanie Parker of St. Joseph and Carrie Pratt of Ubyly; Two sisters, Shirley Chiotti of Pigeon and Nancy Burgess of Tucson, AZ; one brother, Phineas (Marge) Walsh of Cottonwood, AZ, two sisters-in-law, Mary Lou (Budd) Elenbaum of Pigeon and Annabelle Knechtel of Elkton and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death was a sister, Adeline Wakefield.

Funeral services will be conducted 11:00 AM Saturday, October 24, at the Elkton United Methodist Church. Rev. Pete Crawford and Rev. Robert Garrett will officiate with burial in the New Bay Port Cemetery.

Memorials may be given to:

Huron Memorial Hospice or the Elkton United Methodist Kitchen Fund