

**Jessie I. Williston**

Jessie I. Williston, 81, of Bad Axe, died Friday, April 6, 2012, at Sparrow Hospital, Lansing.

She was born June 26, 1930, in Bad Axe to the late Carl and Janet (Patterson) McDowell and lived in the Bad Axe area her entire life.

On Nov. 22, 1952, she was united in marriage to James A. Williston at the Bad Axe Presbyterian Church. He preceded her in death June 29, 2002.

Jessie received her teaching certificate from County Normal in Bad Axe and taught 12 years in country schools around Bad Axe. While teaching at Bad Axe Public School, she continued her education at Central Michigan University receiving a Bachelor's Degree in Education. Jessie taught fourth grade in Bad Axe for 25 years, retiring in 1992.

She was a member of the Chandler Presbyterian Church, the Michigan Retired School Personnel and a life member of Order of Eastern Star, Huronia Chapter No. 81.

Surviving are two daughters, Janet (Tom) Legacy of Perry and JoAnne Stitt of Ypsilanti and four grandchildren, Brent (Nicki), George and James Legacy and Carly Stitt.

Preceding her was her brother, Bill McDowell.

A memorial service will be conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 19, at the Bad Axe Presbyterian Church with Rev. Jon Dykeshorn officiating.

Memorials may be directed to the Alzheimer's Disease Association, American Diabetes Association or the donor's choice.

Arrangements by Champagne Funeral Chapel, Elkton, and words of condolence may be shared at [www.cfcelkton.com](http://www.cfcelkton.com).