

Sophie "Jean" DeGrandt

Sophie "Jean" DeGrandt, 85, of Bad Axe, passed away Dec. 7, 2010 at Courtney Manor Nursing Home in Bad Axe.

She was born Sept. 23, 1925 to the late Charles and Helen Kastraba in West Virginia.

Sophie Kastraba was united in marriage to Charles DeGrandt on Aug. 31, 1946.

She was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Bad Axe. Sophie worked at Huron Memorial Hospital in the operating room for 25 years. She loved to bake Christmas cookies, wedding cakes and did all the baking for her granddaughter's wedding shower. She also worked at Murphy's Bakery. She collected cookbooks and memorized many of her recipes. Sophie loved hearing about the activities of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Sophie is survived by two daughters, Betty DeGrandt of Bad Axe and Mary (Mark) Alfini of Ormond Beach, Fla.; one brother, Frank (Dee) Kisner of Papillion, Neb.; two sisters, Judy Bannick of Elkton and Anna McCallum of Cass City; three grandchildren, Chris (Beth) Roberts of Traverse City, Tami (Tim) Calvary of Traverse City and Beckey Duncan of Apple Valley, Minn. and her fiancé, Anthony Howard, Chelsea Alfini of Cass City and Mark Alfini of Owendale; two great-grandchildren, Hunter and Elijah.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles DeGrandt; two brothers, Alex and George Kastraba and two sisters, Helen Salvia and Mary Hutchinson.

Mass of Christian burial will be at noon Friday, Dec. 10, 2010 at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Fr. Robert Howe, pastor, officiating.

Visitation will be at 10 a.m. Friday until time of service at the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the family discretionary fund.

MacAlpine Funeral Home, Bad Axe is handling the arrangements.