

Alma Engel

Alma Engel, 88, of Bad Axe, died Monday, Dec. 13, 2010, of heart disease.

She was born Nov. 3, 1922 in Port Hope, to the late Theodore and Helen Eggert.

She graduated from Port Hope High School in 1941. In December 1944, she joined the Women's Army Corp as a Medical Technician student. Upon completion of her training, she was assigned to the Camp Butner General Hospital near Durham, N.C. In September 1945, she was transferred to the Certificate of Disability Discharge section and was promoted to Sergeant. When Germany surrendered, the hospital was closed and she and two co-workers were responsible for discharging or transferring 3,300 patients in two months. For their effort, the three later were honored with a special military ceremony and military band. Alma received her discharge Aug. 15, 1946.

In December 1946, she married Walton Engel, also of Port Hope, whom she had known since grade school. He preceded her in death in April 1996.

Alma previously was employed by the Port Hope, Kinde and Port Austin Telephone Company, Ed Moore CPA Firm and by Hyzer, Hill & Kuzak CPA Firm. She also started Thumb Bookkeeping and Tax Service in 1978.

Alma is a member of Our Savior Evangelical Lutheran Church of Bad Axe and the Port Hope Amvet Auxiliary. Previous memberships include Our Savior Evangelism Committee, Bad Axe Business and Professional Women's Club and the Bad Axe Historical Society.

Alma is survived by a son, Dan and his wife, Dorene, of Sterling Heights; a daughter, Sandra Crowe of Livonia; three grandchildren, Julie Engel of New Albany, Ohio, Richard Crowe of Livonia and Mallory Crowe of Farmington Hills; five brothers, Arnold Eggert, Wilbur Eggert and Merl Eggert and his wife, Patsy, all of Port Hope, Erwin Eggert and his wife, Lori, of Bad Axe and Robert Eggert and his wife, Mary Ann, of Caro; sister-in-law, Helen Mueller and her husband, Dr. Rev. Theodore, of Cincinnati, Ohio; and 21 nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Theodore and Helen Eggert; and her son-in-law, Steve Crowe.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 17, 2010 at Our Savior Evangelical Lutheran Church in Bad Axe.

Visitation will be from 2 to 9 p.m. Thursday at MacAlpine Funeral Home, Bad Axe and from Noon to 1 p.m. Friday at the church.