

## **Binder, Walter**

Walter H. Binder, 79, of Phoenix, Ariz. and formerly of the Bad Axe area, passed away on Monday, August 11, 2003, in Phoenix, Ariz. following an extended illness. He was born on Sept. 10, 1923 in Sigel Township, one of eight children of the late Elmer and Clara (Isler) Binder. He was married to Helen Irene Black on October 12, 1945 in Uby by the Rev. Robert L. Morton. She preceded him in death on March 25, 1999. He and his wife resided in Huron County until they moved to Arizona in 1996. Mr. Binder served on the Sigel Three Township School Board and was intensely involved serving on leadership boards of his home church, the Bad Axe First Baptist Church. Walter is survived by two daughters, Sheila R. Binder, of Phoenix, Ariz., Cheryl Peterson and her husband, James, of Ovid; one son, Walter Binder II and his wife, Ruth, of Sault Ste. Marie; six grandchildren; one brother, Carl Binder and his wife, Wanda, of Bad Axe; one sister, Irene Weitzel, of Bad Axe; three sisters-in-law, Elizabeth "Betty" Binder, of Bad Axe, Jeanette Binder, of Bad Axe, Donna Wood, of Marlette. He was preceded in death by five brothers, George, Wilfred, Harvey, Clarence and Ernie Binder. Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Saturday, August 16, 2003, at the Bad Axe First Baptist Church. Officiating will be the Rev. Steve Baker, former pastor of the Bad Axe First Baptist Church. Interment will be in the Verona Township Cemetery. Visitation will be from 1 to 4 and 6 to 9 p.m. on Friday at the Kaufman Funeral Home in Bad Axe and from 10 a.m. until the service time at 11 a.m. at the church. Memorials may be offered to the One in Christ Church of Cottonwood, Ariz., the Bad Axe First Baptist Church, or the Gideon Fund.