

Sams, Shirley

Shirley Jean Sams, 68, of Bad Axe, passed away on Tuesday, July 13, 2004, at Covenant Cooper Medical Center in Saginaw following a short illness. She was born on August 18, 1935 in Detroit, daughter of the late William H. and Lillian F. (Edwards) Kinney. She married Edwin Sams on August 1, 1953 in the manse of the Harbor Beach First Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Sams retired after 25 years of employment at the Huron County Medical Care Facility. She was a member of the Bad Axe First Presbyterian Church where she was a member of the Leah Circle. She also was a member of the Upper Thumb Samers, the Port Hope Retirees Club, and the Canasta Club of Bad Axe. She served as a Girl Scout leader and on the Boy Scout Committee No. 504. She loved to travel, enjoyed various crafts, and was an avid NASCAR fan. She is survived by her husband, Edwin Sams, of Bad Axe; two daughters, Donna Gross, of Essexville and Sandy Schneider, of Bad Axe; two sons, Ken Sams and his wife, Shannon, of Traverse City, and Alan Sams and his wife, Stacy, of Bay City; one sister, Pamela Findlay and her husband, Foster E., of Freeland; eight grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by one brother, Norman C. Kinney. Services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Friday, July 16, 2004, at the Bad Axe First Presbyterian Church. Officiating will be the Rev. Jan G. Dykshoorn, pastor. Burial will be in Colfax Township Cemetery. Visitation will be from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 9 p.m. today at the Kaufman Funeral Home in Bad Axe and from 10 a.m. until the time of service on Friday at the church. Memorials may be offered to the Boy Scouts of America or the Bad Axe First Presbyterian Church.