

### **Wessels, Ottelia**

Ottelia "Tillie" Wessels, 89, of Bad Axe went to be with her Lord on Saturday, Dec. 7, 2002, at Courtney Manor in Bad Axe following a long battle with Alzheimer's Disease. She was born on May 7, 1913 in Dwight Township, daughter of the late Erich and Bertha (Poppeck) Brade. She married George J. Wessels on June 16, 1934 in the Filion Methodist Church. He preceded her in death on June 28, 1992. She worked at the former Locker Plant in Bad Axe for many years and was a former 4-H leader for several years. Mrs. Wessels enjoyed sewing, making quilts, crafts, gardening, and visiting with her friends and family. She is survived by two sons, George Wessels and his wife, Carol, of Harbor Beach, Erich Wessels and his wife, Donna, of Bad Axe; four daughters, Jean Schember of Sandusky, Sharon Elliott of Warren, Wanda Rysberg and her husband, Warren, of Crystal Falls, Kathryn Brinker of Warren; two sisters, Hadie Young of Bad Axe, Lydia Matelski and her husband, Albin, of Kinde; 15 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Patricia Ann Miller; one sister, Margaret Schuman; and three brothers, Otto, Arthur, and Harold Brade. Services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 10, 2002, at the Bad Axe First Baptist Church. Officiating will be the Rev. Jay Barsaleau, pastor. Burial will be in Colfax Cemetery. Visitation will be from 1 to 9 tonight at Kaufman Funeral Home in Bad Axe and from 10 a.m. until the service time at 11 a.m. on Tuesday at the church.