

## **Barker, Virginia A.**

Virginia A. Barker, 86, resident of Bad Axe, passed away Saturday, March 8, 2008 at Courtney Manor Nursing Home in Bad Axe.

Virginia was born May 1, 1922 in Bad Axe to the late Theodore and Rose (Gornowicz) Heleski.

Virginia Heleski was united in marriage to Edmond Francis Barker in 1940. He preceded her in September of 1966.

She was a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Bad Axe. Virginia was employed at the old Bean Pot Restaurant at the east end of Bad Axe for many years. She dearly enjoyed working in her flower beds and spending time with her grandchildren.

Mrs. Barker is survived by two sons, Eugene Champagne and his wife, Betty, of Elkton, and William Champagne of Bad Axe; one daughter, Diane (Richard) Brawn of Metamora; and many grandchildren; great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Jerry and Edward Champagne; and five brothers, Pete, Julius, Frank, Mike and John Heleski.

Funeral services will be take place at 11 a.m. on Wednesday March 12, 2008 at the Bad Axe Sacred Heart Catholic with the Rev. James Carlson officiating.

Visitation will be from 2 to 9 p.m. Tuesday at the MacAlpine "Mac" Chapel in Bad Axe and from 10 to 11 a.m. Wednesday at the church.

Memorials may be offered to the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Bad Axe.