

## **Ellen I. (Case) McDonald**

Ellen I. (Case) McDonald, 90, passed away Saturday, Jan. 29, 2011 at the Huron County Medical Care Facility.

She was born July 18, 1920 in Port Austin to the late Galen W. and Sarah (Swackhammer) Case.

Ellen was united in marriage in December 1940 to Allan D. McDonald at her home in Kinde. She and Allan raised their family on the family farm in Bloomfield Township for 16 years before moving to Bad Axe.

She was a member of the Bad Axe First Presbyterian Church and a lifetime member of the Order of Eastern Stars. She was employed by the Huron County Probate Court for 26 years, retiring as the Register of Probate on Jan. 1, 1983. After she retired, they wintered in Florida for 21 years in New Port Richey and Duneden, where she met and made many friends.

Ellen loved working outside, including mowing grass and weeding her flower beds and collecting antique dishes and pottery. She also enjoyed cooking and housekeeping. She will be sadly missed by family and friends.

She is survived by her husband, Allan; daughter, Katherine Campbell of Charlevoix; son, Ronald (Mary) McDonald of Bad Axe; son-in-law, Dale Martin of Coldwater; 10 grandchildren, John (Michile) McDonald of Grand Haven, Lisa (William) MacAlpine of Bad Axe, Wendy (Bill) Shriiver of Manistee, Kara (Rockie) DeFrancisco of Benton Harbor/St. Joseph, Sara (Hans) Von Bernthaul of West Bloomfield, Jessica (Doug) Cleland of Metamora, Christy McGurken of Waterford, Scott (Murene) Gafkee of Aurora, Ill., Brandley (Leia) Gafkee of Highland and Robert McDonald from Tennessee; 26 great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews; four sisters, Dorothy Davidson of Fillion, Carolyn Wooster of Bay Port, Jean Vaughn of Pigeon and Donna Jenkins of Middle Town, Ohio; one brother, Stewart (Shirley) Case of Bad Axe; also survived by aunt Ila V. Case, who was thought of as another sister.

Ellen was preceded in death by a daughter, Linda L. Martin; two brothers, Roland and Lee Case.

As was her request, a memorial service will be conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, 2011 at the Bad Axe First Presbyterian Church, with the Rev. Jan Dykshroon officiating.

Visitation will be at 10 a.m. until time of service at the church Saturday.

Memorials may be offered to the Bad Axe First Presbyterian Church.

MacAlpine Funeral Home, Bad Axe is handling the arrangements.