

Ahearn, Jean

Jean Ahearn, 85, of Algonac (formerly of Bad Axe), passed away Saturday, August 12, 2006, at River District Hospital with her family by her side. She was born October 1, 1920 in Gregory to Ralph and Lillie (Galbreath) Hartley. She was united in marriage to James Ahearn on August 30, 1941. They shared 63 years together. Jean enjoyed traveling, was an avid reader and was very artistic. She is survived by her children, Cheree Szidik, of Caro, Carol (George) Fry, of Akron, Patricia (Wayne) Kreilter, of Algonac, Janet Gill, of Caro, David (Cindy) Ahearn, of Algonac, Peggy (John) Gibson, of Algonac, and Michael (Linda) Ahearn, of Algonac; 22 grandchildren; and 23 great-grandchildren; a brother, Sam (Alberta) Hartley, of Caldonia; one sister-in-law, Onalee Hartley, of Stockbridge; many nieces, nephews and friends; and special friend, Mary, who she called her sister. She was preceded in death by her husband, James; her parents; one son, Richard Joseph Ahearn; two brothers, Forrest and Herbert Hartley; son-in-law, Edward Szidik; and great-granddaughter, Emily Szidik. Visitation will be from 6 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday at Gilbert Funeral Home in Algonac, and from 10:30 a.m. until the time of the service on Wednesday at St. Catherines Catholic Church. A Mass will be at 11 a.m. on Wednesday with burial to follow at St. Catherines Cemetery in Algonac. Memorials may be made to American Cancer Society and Diabetic Foundation.