

**Evola, Mary L.**

Mary Louise Evola, 76, of Bad Axe passed away Tuesday, Oct. 6, 2009 at her home in Bad Axe. She was born on June 18, 1933 in Ingham County, daughter of the late Rev. Clifford and Lucile (Hedglen) Howe.

She married Salvatore "Sam" Evola on March 1, 1991 in Perry.

Mary had retired from the State of Michigan, where she served for over 30 years with the Department of Social Services. She was a member of the Bad Axe Free Methodist Church where she loved singing in the church choir. She also enjoyed sewing, needlework, crocheting, and painting.

She is survived by her husband, Salvatore "Sam" Evola of Bad Axe; two daughters, Joann Evola and her husband, Paul Stramel of Roseville, Mary Ann Evola of Texas; one sister, Eileen (James) Gingrich of Bad Axe; one brother, Rae (Evelyn) Howe of Perry; and several nieces and nephews. Services will be at 1 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 8, 2009 at the Kaufman Funeral Home in Bad Axe. Officiating will be the Rev. Jerry Sutton, pastor of the Bad Axe Free Methodist Church. Burial in Colfax Cemetery.

Visitation will be from noon until the service time at 1 p.m. Thursday at the Kaufman Funeral Home.

Memorials may be offered to the Bad Axe Free Methodist Church.