Becker, Ruth

Ruth E. Becker, 62, of Port Austin formerly of Pigeon and Detroit, passed away Saturday, Nov. 16, 2002, at St. Mary's Medical Center in Saginaw.   She was born in Port Huron on May 13, 1940, the daughter of the Rev. Ernst and Evelyn Lois (Westphal) Henkelmann.   On July 11, 1981, she was united in marriage to Alfred Karl Becker at Truth Lutheran Church in Detroit.   Following her graduation from Pigeon High School, Ruth graduated as a Registered Nurse from the Highland Park School of Nursing, and with a Bachelor of Science degree from the Wayne State University School of Nursing in 1967. She worked at Highland Park Hospital as a nurse as well as administrative coordinator, and she was a nursing instructor at Sinai Hospital in Detroit. At Bon Secours Hospital in Grosse Pointe, Mrs. Becker worked as nursing education instructor for seven years, and then worked in the computer department for three years, retiring in May 1994. She was a member of the St. Peter Lutheran Church in Kinde.   She is survived by her husband, Alfred Karl Becker, of Port Austin; her mother, Evelyn Henkelmann of Pigeon; a brother, the Rev. Frederick Henkelmann and his wife, Raylene, of Linton, N.D.; nieces and nephew, Sarah, Matthew and Rachel; cousins, Jack and Irma Clauser of Mechanicsburg, Penn.   She was preceded in death by a sister, Lois Marie in 1960; and her father the Rev. Ernst Henkelmann in 1991.   The funeral service will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 21, 2002, at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Kinde, with the Rev. Richard Wilson officiating. Burial will be in the Cross Lutheran Cemetery in Pigeon.   Visitation will be from 7 to 9 p.m. tonight, 1 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday at Meyersieck-Bussema Funeral Home in Pigeon and from 9 a.m. until the time of service at 11 a.m. on Thursday at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Kinde.   Memorials for Mrs. Becker may be made to St. Peter's Lutheran Church Memorial Fund.