

Empkie, Ann

Ann Empkie, 72, of Port Austin, died Saturday, June 11, 2005, at Cooper Covenant Hospital in Saginaw. She was born April 4, 1933 in Pigeon to the late Harry and Martha (Armbruster) Hercliff. Ann Hercliff and Fred Empkie were united in marriage in Pigeon on November 4, 1949. She was a member of the Kinde Presbyterian Church. Ann enjoyed sewing, knitting, reading, and watching the Detroit Pistons. She loved to follow her grandchildren's sporting activities. She is survived by her husband, Fred; one daughter, Linda Yaroch and her husband, Ozzie, of Kinde; one son, Paul Empkie and his wife, Nancy, of Port Austin; six grandchildren, Jeffrey, Kimberly, and Michael Yaroch and Scott, Jennifer and Brian Empkie; one cousin, Helen Young, of Elkton; and several nieces and nephews. Ann was preceded in death by four brothers, Robert, Earl "Jim," William, and Richard. Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, June 15, 2005, at the MacAlpine Funeral Home - Gage Chapel in Kinde with the Rev. Larry McMellen officiating. Burial will be in the Port Austin Township Cemetery. Visitation will be from 2 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, and from 10 to 11 a.m. on Wednesday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that memorials be made to the National Kidney Foundation or the American Diabetes Association.