Rita F. Champagne

April 18, 1933 - January 20, 2017

Rita F. Champagne, age 83, of Bad Axe, passed away on Friday, January 20, 2017 at Courtney Manor in Bad Axe.
Rita was born in Bad Axe on April 18, 1933, daughter of the late Xavier and Sophia (Lemanski) Respondek. She married Lee Champagne on April 25, 1952 at Sacred Heart Parish in Bad Axe.
Rita worked at ST&H Oil Company for 20 years before retiring to stay at home and raise her children. She babysat for numerous families while taking care of her own children. She loved to play Bingo, Euchre and reading. Her greatest pleasure came from knitting and crocheting baby outfits for the Staff at Courtney Manor, who cared for her. After 10 years there, everyone was Family to her.
Rita is survived by: 1 Daughter- Linda (Alan) English of Bad Axe.
2 Sons-Ronald Champagne of Caro and Donald Champagne of Orlando, FL.
Grandchildren-Margot Athena Champagne, Ethan Maurer, Dawn Ricker and Michelle London.
Great-grandchildren-Chandler London, Ryan London, Randi Ricker and Brandon Ricker.
Rita was preceded in death by: Husband- Lee Champagne
Sisters-Irene Watchowski and Helen Tono.
Brother-Lawrence Respondek.
A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Monday, January 23, 2017 at 11 am. at St. Hubert Parish-Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Bad Axe. Officiating will

be Fr. Rob Howe, pastor. Burial will be in the church cemetery. Friends may call at the Kaufman Funeral Home in Bad Axe on Sunday, January 22, 2017 from 1-6 pm or Monday at the church from 10 am until the service time at 11 am.

Cemetery Details

Sacred Heart Cemetery

Bad Axe, MI 48413

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **22**. 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Kaufman & Co. Funeral Home, Inc.
84 Westland Dr
Bad Axe, MI 48413
(989) 269-3000
kaufmanfuneralhome@gmail.com

Visitation

JAN **23**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St Hubert Parish-Sacred Heart Catholic Church
Bad Axe, MI 48413

Funeral Mass

JAN **23**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St Hubert Parish-Sacred Heart Catholic Church
Bad Axe, MI 48413

Tribute Wall

Rita F. Champagne

January 28, 2023 at 01:32 PM

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Rita watched my son ever so caringly many years ago and will never forget how loving she was. I was blessed to have her babysit while I worked. I never had to worry. That baby is now 34. So sorry for your loss.

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