

## **Heleski, Martha**

Martha C. Heleski, 97, resident of Bad Axe and former resident of Bingham Township, died peacefully in her own home on her birthday, Tuesday, August 26, 2003, due to natural causes. She was born August 26, 1906 in Elkton, daughter of the late Charles X. and Julia (Osantoski) Bukoski. Miss Martha Bukoski and Edward Heleski were united in marriage on November 8, 1927 at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Smith's Corner. They observed their 50th wedding anniversary in August 1977. Edward preceded his wife in death on February 20, 1985. Mrs. Heleski was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Bad Axe. She belonged to the Daughters of Isabella, Fidelis Regina Circle No. 608. She was also a member of the Huron County League of Catholic Women. She attended Kelly Rural Country School, Bingham Township. Her many interests included quilting, crocheting, cooking, gardening, traveling and visiting with family and friends. She also enjoyed the company of her small dog, "Curly." Martha is survived by five daughters, Dolores Berger and her husband, Carl, of Grosse Pointe Woods, Shirley Heleski, of Grosse Pointe Woods, Marlene Menicke and her husband, Warren, of Horse Shoe Bay, Texas, Joyce Regen, of Naples, Fla., Katherine Lowe, of Sedona, Ariz.; two sons, Clement Heleski and his wife, Betty, of Shelby Township, James Heleski and his wife, Emilie, of Ubly; five granddaughters, Debra Waterhouse and her husband, Steve, of Amelia, Ohio, Jean Anello and her husband, Frank, of Farmington, Karen Brostrom and her husband, Marc, of Coalville, Utah, Carmen Henderson and her husband, Mark, of Somerville, Mass., Kimberly Lowe, of St. Paul, Minn.; four grandsons, Eric Berger and his wife, Melanie, of Grosse Pointe Woods, Thomas Berger of Alexandria, Va., Paul Heleski and his wife, Cathy, of McKinney, Texas, Gregory Heleski, of Clarkston; one great-granddaughter, Victoria Berger; four great-grandsons, Nicholas Berger, Demitrius Berger, Alexander Heleski, Grant Heleski; one sister, Florence Lubeski, of Bad Axe; many nieces and nephews; and caregiver and special friend, Debbie Roulston. Mrs. Heleski was preceded in death by her husband, Edward; four sisters, Veronica Maurer, Susan O'Henley, Agnes Roll and Ann Essenmacher; and four brothers, Stanley Bukoski, Adam Bukoski, John Bukoski and Joseph Bukoski. Mass of Christian Burial will be conducted at 10 a.m. on Saturday, August 30, 2003, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Fr. James Carlson will officiate. A Scripture service will be at 7 p.m. and a rosary service, presented by the Daughters of Isabella, at 8:30 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be in Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery. Visitation will be from 1 to 9 p.m. on Friday at MacAlpine Funeral Home in Bad Axe and from 9 to 10 a.m. on Saturday at the church. Memorials may be offered to Heartland Hospice.