

Susalla, Rita M.

Rita M. Susalla, 82, of Bad Axe and Ruth, passed away Sunday, February 25, 2007, at the Huron County Medical Care Facility in Bad Axe. Rita was born September 10, 1924 in Ruth to the late Patrick and Minnie (Sadro) Coyne. She married Raymond H. Susalla on November 29, 1941 at SS. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Ruth. He preceded her in death on January 5, 1972. Rita resided in Ruth her whole life and was a graduate of the SS. Peter and Paul Elementary School. She was a lifelong parishioner at SS. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Ruth where she was a member of the Christian Mothers. She enjoyed crocheting, gardening, playing cards, especially euchre, crafting and visiting with her grandchildren and great grandchildren. Rita is survived by two daughters, Sandra Drews, of Bad Axe, and Bonnie Susalla, of Ruth; one son, Raymond Susalla and his wife, Connie, of Harbor Beach; 10 grandchildren, Lynn, R.T., Tracey, Jay, Brad, Missy, Jill, Eric, Nicole and Aaron; 10 great grandchildren, Sarah, Ashlyn, Brian, Emily, Rachel, Dru, Abbi, Megan, Trevor and Ellen; several stepgreat grandchildren; and one daughter-in-law, Marie Susalla, of Cass City. She was preceded in death by one son, Ronald Susalla Sr.; one grandson, Eddie Drews; one son-in-law, Edward Drews; three brothers; and one sister. The funeral Mass will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, February 28, 2007, at SS. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Ruth. The Rev. T.J. Fleming, pastor of Our Lady of Lake Huron Catholic Church in Harbor Beach, will officiate. Burial will be in the SS. Peter and Paul Catholic Cemetery in the spring. Visitation will be from 1:30 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday at the Zinger-Smigielski Funeral Home in Ubley and from 10 to 11 a.m. on Wednesday at the church. There will be a Christian Mothers' rosary at 3 p.m. on Tuesday at the funeral home.