

Viola Elizabeth Ignash

(June 26, 1909 - November 27, 2013)

Viola Elizabeth Ignash, beloved resident of Kinde, completed 104 years of faith-filled, vibrant living Wednesday, November 27, 2013 at Huron Medical Center, under hospice care with her sister and niece at her side.

Viola was born on June 26, 1909 in Grindstone City to the late Anthony and Mary (Horetski) Szeszycki Fisher), and later moved to the family farm on Crockard Road in Port Austin. Viola was united in marriage to Wallace Ignash on February 3, 1934 at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Port Austin. They resided in Kinde where they ran an excavating business together until Wallace's death on April 5, 1970. Viola continued to live in their home until recent surgery took her to Courtney Manor. Viola's membership in the St. Edward Church is an enduring legacy of generous devotion. She served as a lector, Eucharistic Minister, opened the church doors well in advance of any gathering, assisted in funeral preparations (especially in peeling potatoes); folded bulletins; prepared endless materials for faith formation classes; single-handed, painted the church basement; planted and weeded summer flower beds; prepared Spartan labels for redemption; morning, noon, or night Viola was literally available for anything that "needed to be done"! Viola was also a member of the Daughters of Isabella, and the Kinde Senior Citizens. She cared for every flower, tree and shrub in her yard as well as feeding the birds, and welcoming additional cats to her "two". In the summer she could be seen watering the flowerpots lining Main Street in town. Viola is survived by two sisters, Virginia Kowalski who resides at Meadow Lane in Bad Axe and Gertrude Thayer who resides on the family farm, many nieces and nephews. Those who know her as "dear friend" are too many to mention, Steve and Janis Harmon, Arvella Majeski, and Sr. Judy O'Brien are among those considering themselves especially blessed through her friendship. Viola was preceded in death by a sister, Frances Heiffron and four brothers, Florian, Stanley, Walter, and Alex Szeszycki (Fisher). Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 30, 2013 at St. Edward Catholic Church in Kinde with Fr. Craig Carolan officiating. Rite of Committal will follow in the St. Edward Cemetery. Visitation will take place Friday, November 29 from 2:00-8:00pm with Rosary at 4:30 by the Daughters of Isabella and a Vigil Service at 7:00pm and Saturday from 9:30 to 10:30am at the MacAlpine-Gage Kinde. Memorials may be offered to the St. Edward Catechesis Center. Condolences may be shared at www.macalpinefuneralhome.com

