

Oberski, Rita E.

Mrs. Rita E. Oberski, 85, of Bad Axe and formerly of Ruth, passed away Thursday morning, Oct. 29, 2009 at the Huron Medical Center in Bad Axe.

She was born Aug. 25, 1924 in Parisville, to the late Frank and Laura (Peruski) Grifka. She married Isadore "Zig" Oberski on Nov. 23, 1946 at St. Mary Catholic Church in Parisville. He preceded her in death on Nov. 26, 2000.

Rita was a graduate of a country school. She worked in Detroit. She was employed at Hamill Seatbelt company from 1963 to 1981. She farmed with her husband until 1978. She was a lifelong parishioner at St. Mary Catholic Church in Parisville, where she was a member of the Rosary Sodality. She enjoyed gardening, baking and crossword puzzles.

Rita is survived by six children, Ronald and his wife, Hazy, of Ashville, N.C., Leo and his wife, Ruth, of Birch Run, Sharon Gentner and her husband, Robert, of Houghton Lake, Duane "Bud" and his special friend, Barbara, of Homosassa Springs, Fla., Judy Oberski and her special friend, Phil, of Baton Rouge, La., and Jamie Maddeaux and her husband, Peter, of Vadnais, Minn.; five grandchildren, Robert Oberski and his wife, Pamela, Scott Oberski and his wife, Erin, Brian Gentner, Kevin Gentner and Darren Gentner; four great-grandchildren, Keigan, Keira, Makenna and Meghan Oberski; one brother, Ray Grifka and his wife, Ruth, of Warren; one sister, Bernice Gryczka and her husband, Jack, of Ill.; and five sisters-in-law, Mildred Oberski, Gertrude Oberski, Margaret Chinoski, Charlotte Grifka and Billie Grifka.

She was preceded in death by five brothers, Arthur Grifka and his wife, Susie, Richard Grifka and his wife, Pat, Norbert, Eugene and Herbert Grifka; sisters, Clara Trepkowski and her husband, Julius, Minnie Trepkowski and her husband, Ira, Catherine Wojtalewicz and her husband, Frank, Irene Maurer and her husband, James, and Josephine Chinoski and her husband, Ambrose.

Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2009 at St. Mary Catholic Church in Parisville.

The Rev. Peter Nwokoye, pastor, will officiate. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Visitation will be from 1:30 to 9 p.m. Monday at the Zinger-Smigielski Funeral Home in Ubly, and from 9 to 10 a.m. Tuesday at the church only. There will be a rosary at 4 p.m. Monday by the St. Mary Rosary Sodality and a parish vigil service at 7 p.m. Both services will be at the funeral home.