

Schledjeski, Helen K.

(April 15, 1918-March 13, 2011)

Helen K. Schledjeski, 92, of Pigeon passed away Sunday, March 13, 2011 at Scheurer Hospital in Pigeon after a brief illness.

Helen was born in Youngstown, Ohio on April 15, 1918 to Andre and Mary (Tartaka) Barabas. On June 27, 1942, she was united in marriage to Willard August Schledjeski at St. Francis Borgia Catholic Church in Pigeon. He preceded her in death March 28, 2003.

She attended Pigeon Schools and worked at Niebel Grocery Store and Reiman - Snyder Co., both in Pigeon, and retired in 1973 to care for her granddaughter Brenda. She was a lifelong member at St. Francis Borgia Catholic Church and the St. Francis Altar Society. She enjoyed playing cards and was always busy, outgoing and friendly. She delivered Pigeon Meals on Wheels for many years and enjoyed cooking and was an excellent baker. She dearly loved her family and most recently adored her precious great-grandson Luke Michael.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Jerry Beyer; a granddaughter, Brenda and her husband, Jason Purves; a great-grandson, Luke Michael Purves; a sister, Marguerite Buchholz; and several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Ann Katherine in 1947; a brother, Andrew Barabas; and a sister, Mary Bursick.

Funeral Mass will be conducted at 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 16, 2011 from St. Francis Borgia Catholic Church with the Rev. Fr. John Weis, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Meyersieck-Bussema Funeral Home in Pigeon and from 10 a.m. until the time of the funeral Mass on Wednesday at St. Francis Borgia Catholic Church.

Memorials may be given to Pigeon District Library, St. Francis Altar Society, or Scheurer Hospital Long Term Care.