

Kowalski, Eleanor

Mrs. Eleanor Kowalski, 85, of Minden City, passed away Tuesday morning, September 5, 2006 at Courtney Manor of Bad Axe. Eleanor was born October 30, 1920 in Almont to the late J. Mitchell and Jennie (Mair) Currey. She married John P. Kowalski on July 9, 1942 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Bad Axe. She was a graduate of the Almont High School and the Bronson Hospital School of Nursing in Kalamazoo. She worked as a registered nurse for the Bad Axe Hubbard Hospital, the Deckerville Hospital, and the Sanilac County Health Department for more than 30 years. She was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church in Palms. She was a member of the Minden City Lioness Club and the Minden City Community Clinic Auxiliary for many years. Eleanor and her husband, John, served as Grand Marshall for the Minden City Homecoming Parade in 1997. She was an avid bowler and loved shopping and spending time with her family. Eleanor is survived by her husband, John, of Minden City; five children, John Kowalski and his wife, Mo, of LaBelle, Florida, Dorie Knox, of Rochester Hills, Kathryn Lautner and her husband, Al, of Minden City, Tom Kowalski and his wife, Ginny, of Carleton, Janet Wehner and her husband, Dale, of Marlette; 13 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; one sister, Carol Heim and her husband, Don, of Almont; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by two grandchildren, Jeffrey Kowalski and Michelle (Knox) Galecka; one son-in-law, John Knox; two brothers, Robert and James Currey; three sisters, Marjorie Tower, Jean Stanwood, and Christine Vandawaker. A Funeral Mass will be at 11 a.m. on Thursday, September 7, 2006, at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Palms. The Rev. Steve Gavit, pastor of St. Mary of the Assumption Church in Bay City, will officiate. Burial will be in the St. Patrick Cemetery. Visitation will be from 2 to 9 p.m. today at Smigielski Funeral Home on Cass Avenue in Minden City and from 10 to 11 a.m. on Thursday at the church. There will be a parish vigil service at 7 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are requested to Heartland Hospice.