

Klee, Ila D.

Mrs. Ila D. Klee, 80, of Ruth, passed away Thursday, June 17, 2004, at her residence. Ila was born June 26, 1923 in Sherman Township to the late Daniel and Jenny (Emling) Piper. She married Leo Klee on March 23, 1946 in Detroit. Ila attended Helena Country School and was a graduate of Harbor Beach High School. She was a parishioner at SS. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Ruth and a member of the Christian Mothers. She enjoyed fishing with her grandchildren, gardening, baking, bird watching, and spending time with her family. She was an avid reader and enjoyed crossword puzzles. Ila is survived by her husband of 58 years, Leo, of Ruth; one daughter, Gloria Bischer, of Munger; four sons, Gordon Klee and his wife, Marlene, of Harbor Beach, Sid Klee and his wife, Monika, of Ruth, Dave Klee and his wife, Cindy, of Harbor Beach, Allen Klee and his wife, Donna, of Harbor Beach; 15 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; one sister, Lois Rapson, of Emmett; one brother, Charles Piper, of Harbor Beach. Funeral mass will be at 2 p.m. on Sunday, June 20, 2004, at SS. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Ruth. The Rev. Steven Gavit, pastor, will officiate. Burial will be in the church cemetery. Visitation will be from 6:30 to 9 p.m. today, from 1 to 9 p.m. on Saturday at Zinger-Smigielski Funeral Home of Ubly, and from 1 to 2 p.m. on Sunday at the church. There will be a Christian Mothers rosary at 7:30 p.m. today and a parish vigil service at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday by Fr. Steve Gavit. Both services will be at the funeral home.