

Grifka, Selma

Mrs. Selma B. Grifka, 85, of Ubly died Sunday, Oct. 1, 2000, at Huron Memorial Hospital after a short illness. She was born Oct. 30, 1914, in Ubly to the late John and Frances (Gosdzinski) Pionk. She married Enoch Grifka on March 2, 1935, at Holy Trinity Parish in Smith Corners. He preceded her in death on April 28, 1967. Selma was a graduate of Country School, and she was a waitress in Bad Axe and Detroit. Selma and her husband farmed all of their lives while managing to raise six children. She attended St. Joseph Catholic Church and was a member of the Altar Society. She was an avid quilter, loved to garden, play cards and visit with her friends. She will be missed by many. Selma is survived by three daughters, Beatrice Ross and her husband, Cliff, of Ubly, Eleanor Franzel of Ubly, and Alice Pallas and her husband, Fred, of Ubly; three sons, Joe Grifka and his wife, Beatrice, of New Baltimore, Richard Grifka and his wife, Beverly, of Ubly, and Elmer Grifka and his special friend, Cindy, of Argyle; 21 grandchildren; 41 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; four brothers, Jim Pionk of Bad Axe, Elmer Pionk and his wife, Louise, of Ubly, Archie Pionk and his wife, Marie, of Ubly, and Ignatz Pionk of Bad Axe; and two sisters, Susie Peruski of Bad Axe and Rose Lemanski of Minden City. She was preceded in death by her husband, Enoch; three brothers, John, Sylvester and Clarence Pionk; two sisters, Anna Susalla and Lucy Osentoski; and one great-grandchild, Derek Peters. Mass of Christian Burial will take place at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 4, 2000, at St. Joseph Catholic Church of Argyle. The Rev. Stephen Fillion will officiate. Burial will be in the church cemetery. There will be a parish wake service at 8 p.m. tonight at the Zinger-Smigielski Funeral Home in Ubly. Visitation will be 1 to 9:30 p.m. today and from 8:30 to 10 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to St. Joseph's Altar Society or St. Joseph Building Fund.