

Rice, Mary F.

Mary F. Rice, 82, a lifelong resident of Dwight Township, passed away on Saturday, April 23, 2005, at her home under hospice care and surrounded by her family. She was born April 2, 1923 in Grindstone City, daughter of the late Stanley and Pauline (Kula) Strozeski. Mary Strozeski and Edward Rice were united in marriage on January 19, 1946 at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Port Austin in a ceremony presided over by Fr. Henry Podsiad. Edward preceded her in death August 1, 1992. Mrs. Rice was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and past president of St. Mary's Holy Rosary Sodality. She enjoyed playing cards and bingo and visiting with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She is survived by four sons, Michael and Leonard Rice, of Kinde, David Rice and his wife, Cheryl, of Bad Axe, and Timothy Rice and his wife, Cathy, of Kinde; three daughters, Joann Quinn, of Kinde, Suzanne Ruth, of Kinde, and Marcia Smith and her husband, Geri, of Bad Axe; two sisters, Virginia Koroleski, of Bad Axe, and Eleanor Miller, of Port Austin; sister-in-law, Loretta Strozeski; brother-in-law, Roman Stockoski; 19 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren. Mary was preceded in death by two sons, Randy Rice and infant, Tommy Rice; two infant granddaughters, Sandi Ruth and Kayla Rice; a grandson, Eric Ruth; three brothers, Louis, Anthony and Lawrence Strozeski; one sister, Theresa Strozeski, and son-in-law, Wayne Quinn. A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, April 27, 2005, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Dwight Township. Fr. Mieczyslaw Oniskiewicz, pastor, will preside. Burial will be in the St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery. Visitation will be from 7 to 9 p.m. today, 1 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, and from 9 to 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday at the MacAlpine Funeral Home-Gage Chapel in Kinde. A parish scripture service will be conducted at 7 p.m. on Tuesday followed by a rosary at 7:30 p.m. by the Holy Rosary Sodality. Memorials may be offered to the Family Discretionary Fund or to the donor's choice.