

### **Nichiaw, Ruth**

Ruth Clara Nichiaw, 88, of Port Austin, died Wednesday, October 1, 2003, at her home. She was born on February 9, 1915 in Hamtramck, daughter of the late Charles and Charlotte (Baude) Gunsch. She and John Nichiaw were married in 1970 in Madison Heights. He preceded her in death on April 25, 1992. Ruth was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church and the U & I Club in Port Austin. She enjoyed playing bingo and loved cruising through town on her scooter. Ruth is survived by two sons, Harold and Donald Stadler; one daughter, Joan Alice Ruwald; and many grandchildren; great-grandchildren; close friends, Arnie and Nadine Besonen and their children, Graham Besonen and his wife, Tammy, Sarah Johnson and her husband, Bjorn, and Andrew Besonen. Funeral mass will be at 10 a.m. on Saturday, October 4, 2003, at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Port Austin. Officiating will be the Rev. Robert Pare', pastor. Burial will follow in Port Austin Township Cemetery. There will be a vigil at 7 p.m. tonight at the Knoblock Funeral Home in Kinde. Visitation will be from 2 to 9 p.m. today at the funeral home and from 9 a.m. until the time of the service at 10 a.m. on Saturday at the church.