

Petruk, Josephine

Josephine T. Petruk, 92, of Port Hope, passed away Sunday, July 4, 2004, in the Huron County Medical Care Facility, Bad Axe. Born in Buffalo, New York on October 7, 1911, she was the daughter of the late John and Mary (Jagello) Basaj. She married Joseph Petruk on September 26, 1931 in Detroit. Joseph preceded her in death on September 2, 1989. Josephine started weaving rugs in 1961 and soon established herself as the "Thumb's Best Rug Weaver." Her rugs have gone to more than 30 states and several countries including Turkey, Mexico, England, Guam and Canada. Her trademark is the "Crow's Feet" woven into both ends of her rugs. The rugs were 27 inches wide and lengths from 24 inches to over 24 feet long. She had been featured in various local newspapers where she discussed her role during World War II as a Riveter. She spoke with pride of how she helped support the war effort. Survivors include three sons, Daniel Petruk and his wife, Geri, of Cape Coral, Florida, James Petruk and his wife, Joyce Ann, of Auburn, California, and Joseph Petruk and his wife, Agnes, of Hot Springs, Arkansas; eight grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; nine great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. Josephine was preceded in death by her husband of 54 years; one son, Jerome Petruk; two sisters, Lilly and Alice; and a brother, Henry Basaj. Funeral services will be at 8 p.m. today, July 6, 2004, in the Ramsey Funeral Home, Harbor Beach, with Fr. Gerald Kukla, pastor of Our Lady of Lake Huron Church, officiating. Cremation will follow with interment in Rock Falls Cemetery. Visitation will be from 1 to 5 p.m. and from 7 p.m. until the service at 8 p.m. today.