

**Lemke, Irene G.**

Mrs. Irene G. Lemke, 87, of Ubly, passed away Sunday morning, Sept. 27, 2009 at Courtney Manor in Bad Axe.

She was born on July 1, 1922 in Tyre, to the late Peter and Frances (Grimski) Zurek. She married Ervin Lemke on Aug. 27, 1938 at St. Mary Catholic Church in Parisville. After 67 years of marriage, he preceded her in death on Aug. 16, 2005.

Irene was a resident of Tyre her whole life. She was a graduate of the South Tyre School. She worked with her family on the farm. Irene was a parishioner at St. John Catholic Church in Ubly since 1943. She was a member of the St. John Christian Mothers Circle # 2, St. Monica. She also was a member of the Daughters of Isabella Fidelis Regina Circle #608 and was a former officer. Irene loved to dance and listen to polka music. She liked playing cards, especially pinochle and euchre.

Irene is survived by her son, Albert Sr. and his wife, Doris, of Ubly; one daughter-in-law, Carol Lemke of Ubly; eight grandchildren, Alger (Kim) Lemke, Gregory Lemke, Paul (Mary Ann) Lemke, Jeff (Lisa) Lemke, Al Lemke Jr., Mark Lemke and special friend, Kathy, Jared (Aimee) Lemke, all of Ubly, and Natalie Lemke of Sandusky; seven great-grandchildren; two step-great-grandchildren; one sister, Bernice (Edwin) Burkhard of Harbor Beach; three brothers, Chester (Virginia) Zurek of Livonia, Sylvester (Marie) Zurek of Walled Lake, and Marvin (Grace) Zurek of Sand Point; four sisters-in-law, Sylvia Zurek of Harbor Beach, Mary Ann Zurek of Centerline, Evelyn Susalla and Arlene (Jerry) Longuski, both of Ubly; four brothers-in-law, Cass Lamke of Bad Axe, Elmer Lamke of Ubly, Eugene (Mildred) Lamke of Ruth and Richard (Barbara) Lamke of Ubly.

She was preceded in death by one son, Eugene; infant daughter, Mary; two infant sons; two sisters, Baby Martha and Connie Mazure and her husband, Matt; four brothers, Elmer, Walter, Raymond and his wife, Mary, and Leo Zurek; her in-laws, Jake Susalla, Ruby Lamke and Marie and Frank Peruski.

Funeral Mass will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 1, 2009 at St. John Catholic Church in Ubly. The Rev. Joseph Griffin, pastor, will officiate. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Visitation will be from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Tuesday and 1 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at the Zinger-Smigielski Funeral Home in Ubly, and from 10 to 11 a.m. Thursday at the church only.

There will be a Christian Mothers rosary at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, a Daughters of Isabella rosary at 3 p.m. Wednesday and a vigil service at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday evening. All services will be at the funeral home.