

Messing, Mary

Mrs. Mary M. "Marie" (Schroeder) Messing, 80, of Harbor Beach died Sunday, April 30, 2000, at Huron Memorial Hospital in Bad Axe after a short illness. She was born June 3, 1919, in Ruth, daughter of the late Joseph and Mary (Hitch) Guitar. She married Franklin Schroeder on June 14, 1941, at SS. Peter and Paul Catholic Parish in Ruth. He preceded her in death on June 13, 1991. She married Robert B. Messing on Oct. 3, 1992, at Our Lady of Lake Huron Parish in Harbor Beach. She was a graduate of SS. Peter and Paul Elementary School. She did domestic work in the Detroit area for a few years. She farmed with Franklin Schroeder until 1969 and worked for Hamill Manufacturing in Bad Axe for 10 years. She was a member of Our Lady of Lake Huron Altar Society and a parishioner at Our Lady of Lake Huron. She enjoyed cards and socializing with family and friends. She is survived by her husband, Robert Messing of Harbor Beach; three daughters, Doreen Peterson and her husband, Robert, of Bad Axe, Judith Gwisdalla and her husband, Elmer, of Bad Axe, and Elaine Grifka and her husband, James, of Caro; 11 grandchildren, Tina McDonald and her husband, David, of Bad Axe, Rick Gwisdalla of Bad Axe, Colleen Block of Troy, Marcy Sweeney of Bad Axe, Gene Gwisdalla of Bad Axe, Christopher Gwisdalla of Bad Axe, Joseph Grifka of Caro, Sheila Polzin and her husband, Gregory, of Madison, Wisc., Michael Grifka and his wife, Amanda, of Carrollton, Maria Williams and her husband, Jeffery, of Lansing, and Theresa Grifka of Grand Rapids; five great-grandchildren, Adrienne, Erica and Kristen McDonald, Justin Sweeney and Nicole Block; one stepdaughter, Patricia Rutkowski and her husband, Richard, of Vassar; two stepsons, Marvin Messing and his wife, Kathleen, of Ortonville, and Dennis Messing and his wife, Darlene, of Sterling Heights; 10 step-grandchildren; nine step-great-grandchildren; one sister, Cecilia Stacer of Bad Axe; one sister-in-law, Hazel Guitar of Ruth; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Gertrude Mary Schroeder; two grandchildren, John Robert Peterson and Gloria Ann Peterson; three sisters, Emma Vordam, Helen Tenbusch and Dorothy Guitar; and five brothers, Leo, Roman, Cyril, Leonard and William Guitar. Mass of Christian Burial will take place at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, May 4, 2000, at Our Lady of Lake Huron Catholic Church in Harbor Beach. The Rev. Edward Konieczka, pastor, will officiate. Burial will be in the church cemetery. There will be a parish wake service at 8:15 p.m. Wednesday at Zinger-Smigielski Funeral Home in Ubly. Visitation will be from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. today, from 1:30 to 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, and from 9 to 10 a.m. Thursday at the funeral home.