Freilach, Mary

On Sunday, Nov. 12, 2000, the Lord God took Mary Freilach, 87, of Owendale into his loving arms. She was born Aug. 30, 1913, at the home of her parents, Nicholas and Leona (Pevarnic) Swiastyn in the Ukraine and moved as a baby with her family to Detroit. In May 1934, she was united in marriage to Anthony Freilach in Pontiac. He preceded her in death on Feb. 3, 1972. They lived in Rochester for 20 years before moving to Grant Township in 1956 to farm. In 1966, she started working at Automotive Industries in Owendale until they closed. Mary was a wonderful mother and friend who walked this earth with kindness and love. She gave tenderly to everyone. With love and sadness in our hearts we will truly miss her, our mother, grandmother and friend. Surviving are one son, Theodore Freilach and his wife. Terrie, of Owendale; five daughters, Patricia Waterman of Winter Haven, Fla., Marilyn Verville and her husband, Bernie, of Pomona Park, Fla., Leona Freilach and her friend, Robert, of Kinde, Catherine Johnston of Elkton, and Alicia Morneau and her husband, Ray, of Owendale; 20 grandchildren, Marcia, Buddy, Dawn, Vincent, Ernie, John, Clifford, Mark, Brian, Tina, Tammy, Christy, Brandi, Anthony, Brittney, Pam, Bonnie, Terrie, John and Kathy: 26 great-grandchildren; one brother, David Swiastyn and his wife, JoAnn, of Owendale; and one sister, Anne Grishabor of Belleville. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Mike, Tony and Willie. A funeral mass will be conducted at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 15, 2000, at St. Francis Borgia Catholic Church, Pigeon. Sr. Theresa Fox, pastoral administrator, will officiate with burial in the Riverside Cemetery, Elkton. Visitation will be 7 to 9 p.m. this evening, 2 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, and 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Champagne Funeral Chapel, Elkton. Memorials may be made to St. Francis Borgia Catholic Church.