

**Hicks, Catherine L.**

Catherine "Kitty" L. Hicks, 57, of Harbor Beach, passed away Tuesday, January 9, 2007, at Saint Mary's Hospital in Saginaw. Catherine was born February 14, 1949 in Detroit to the late Charles and Catherine (Becker) Partaka. She married Luther "Butch" Hicks on November 24, 1990 in Ubyly. He preceded her in death on April 25, 2003. Catherine attended Ubyly High School. She worked at various jobs in Sanilac and Huron Counties. Catherine lived in Texas for 10 years with her husband, Luther "Butch." She moved to the Harbor Beach area in 2003. Catherine attended an area church and enjoyed playing bingo, crafting and singing. Catherine is survived by two daughters, Tina Siemen and her husband, Mike, of Harbor Beach, Marlene Whitenburg and her husband, John, of Toledo, Ohio; three grandchildren, Derek and Christopher Siemen and Jessica Whitenburg; three brothers, Edward Schwartz and his significant other, Cindy Casey, of Ubyly, Charles Sperry and his wife, Patricia, of Minden City, Franklin Partaka and his wife, Violet, of Clinton Township; five sisters, Rose Smith and her husband, William, of Pontiac, Mayme Sackrider and her husband, Charles, of Tennessee, and Wolverine, Caroline "Carol" MacShara and her husband, Scott, of Belleville, Florence "Dolly" Casey and her husband, Troy, of Minden City, and Shirley Crothers, of Harbor Beach. She was preceded in death by one infant daughter, Linda Muma, in 1970; three brothers, Robert and Richard Partaka, and William Schwartz. A funeral service will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday, January 13, 2007, at the Zinger-Smigielski Funeral Home in Ubyly. The Rev. Paula M. Timm, pastor of the Harbor Beach United Methodist Church, will officiate. Burial will be in the Greenwood Cemetery in Sandusky. Visitation will be from 1:30 to 9 p.m. on Friday and from 10 a.m. until the time of the service at 11 a.m. at Zinger-Smigielski Funeral Home in Ubyly.