

Helewski, Rita B.

Mrs. Rita B. Helewski, 82, of Ubly passed away Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2007 at Sunny Acres Nursing Center of Bad Axe.

Rita was born on Jan. 6, 1925 in Bingham Township to the late Aloysius and Lucy (Smaglinski) Kubacki.

She married Stanley Helewski on June 1, 1946 at Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Smith Corners. He preceded her in death on July 9, 1980.

Rita was a graduate of the Kelly Country School in Bingham Township. She was a domestic for area families before she married Stanley and became a housewife and mother. Rita was a lifelong member of Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church. She was a member of the choir as well as a member and former officer of the Ladies Altar Society. Rita enjoyed going for rides, baking, gardening, the color and smell of her flowers, polka music and dancing, Tiger baseball, watching the birds in her back yard and quilting with her material blocks from large to the itty bitty small ones. Most of all, Rita enjoyed her children and grandchildren.

Rita is survived by two sons, David (Jean) Helewski of Bad Axe, Richard (Julie) Helewski of Ubly; nine daughters, Patricia (Kenneth) Majeski of Kinde, Margaret Andreski (Richard) Frantz of Kinde, Elizabeth (Brian) Maurer of Crystal Falls, Susanna (Carl) Weber of Ubly, Barbara (Donald) Kolar of Minden City, Carlin (Stephen) Maurer of Bad Axe, Marilyn (Robert) Grocholski of Bay City, Mary Jo (Robert) Cleary of Ubly, Laurie (Richard) Block of Minden City; 29 grandchildren, Karen (David) Case, Kimberly (Robert) Miller, Brian (Bridgett) Majeski, Jeffrey (Allyn) Andreski, Gregory Andreski, Jennifer (Mark) Priewe, Stacey Helewski, Erica Helewski, Craig Helewski, Jacqueline (Benjamin) Smith, Jolene (Jeremy) Weiss, Michael (Heidi) Weber, Shannon Weber, David Kolar, Bradley Kolar, Aaron Maurer, Joel Maurer, Melissa Grocholski, Jessica Grocholski, Chad (Kelly) Helewski, Troy Helewski, Kalyn Helewski, Scott Helewski, Krysta Cleary, Mitchel Cleary, Justin Cleary, Bret Cleary, Evan Block and Levi Block; 13 great-grandchildren; four brothers, Irwin (Marie) Kubacki, Stanley (Margaret) Kubacki, Aloysius (Joann) Kubacki Jr., Bernard (Pauline) Kubacki, all of Bad Axe; four sisters, Mary Ann (Eugene) Wisneski of Bad Axe, Mildred (Eugene) Lamke of Parisville, Patricia (Lawrence) Vogel of Minden City, Rosemary (Thomas) Wisneski of Warren; one sister-in-law, Beatrice Kubacki of Parisville.

Rita was preceded in death by one son-in-law, Marvin Andreski; two brothers, Clarence Kubacki and an infant brother; one sister, Helen Kubacki.

Funeral Mass will be at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 15, 2007 at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Smith Corners. The Rev. James Carlson, pastor, will officiate. Burial will be in the church cemetery in the spring.

Visitation will be from 1:30 to 9 p.m. today and from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Saturday at Zinger-Smigielski Funeral Home in Ubly. There will be two services on Friday evening, an Altar Society rosary at 6:30 p.m. and a parish vigil service at 7:30 p.m. Both services will be at the funeral home.

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