

## **Partaka, Catherine**

Catherine L. Partaka, 71, of Minden City died Monday evening, Jan. 21, 2002, at St. Mary's Medical Center in Saginaw. She was born May 8, 1930, in Detroit, daughter of the late William and Ethel (Moore) Becker. She married Charles Partaka on Feb. 13, 1963, in Sandusky. He preceded her in death on Nov. 21, 1986. She was born and raised in Detroit and attended school there. She moved to Minden City in 1961. She worked at General Cable in Cass City for a few years. She enjoyed cards, knitting, crocheting, needlework, going on family vacations, visiting with her children and grandchildren, and doing word searches. She is survived by her daughter, Catherine (Kitty) Hicks and her husband, Butch, of Texas, son Edward Schwartz and Cindy Casey of Minden City, son William Schwartz of Saginaw, daughter, Rose Smith and her husband, William, of Pontiac, daughter, Mayme (Mary) Sackrider and her husband, Charles, of Tennessee, son Charles Sperry and his wife, Patricia, of Minden City, son Franklin Partaka and his wife, Violet, of Clinton Township, daughter Caroline (Carol) Mac Shara and her husband, Scott, of Belleville, daughter Florence (Dolly) Casey and her husband, Troy, of Minden City, daughter Shirley Crothers and her husband, Kenneth, of Illinois; 28 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; and one daughter-in-law, Alice Swartz of Ubly. She was preceded in death by her son, Robert "Boots" Partaka on Nov. 5, 1989, her son, Richard; two grandchildren; two brothers, Herbert and Oscar Becker; and three sisters, Florence Ironside, Rose Lamb and Winifred Adams. Funeral mass will take place at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 26, 2002, at St. Ignatius Catholic Church of Freiburg. The Rev. Kevin Maksym, associate pastor will officiate. Burial will be in the church cemetery in the spring. There will be a vigil service at 8 p.m. Friday at Zinger-Smigielski Funeral Home in Ubly. Visitation will be 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Thursday, from 1 to 9:30 p.m. Friday, and 9 to 10 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home.