

**Yaroch, Gertrude M.**

Gertrude Marguerite Yaroch, 97, of Bad Axe, passed away on Monday, March 23, 2009 at Courtney Manor in Bad Axe.

She was born June 2, 1911 in Kinde, daughter of the late James and Mary (Prange) Rice.

She married Frank Yaroch in 1929 in Kinde. He preceded her in death.

Gertie enjoyed bingo, dancing, polka music, her flower garden, and her grandchildren called her "Bussia". She was well known for her famous homemade banana cake with caramel frosting.

She is survived by two sons, Ronald (Kathleen) Yaroch of Bad Axe, Michael Yaroch of Bad Axe;

two daughters, Patricia Wells of Bad Axe, Judy Copeland of Bad Axe; ten grandchildren, Joe

(Darlene) Yaroch, Diane Johnston and special friend, Charlie Greene, Marvin Johnston, Lori

Johnston, Lisa (Mark) Bartleson, Shannon Copeland, Tammy (Aaron) Talaski, Ashten Yaroch,

Randen Yaroch, and Ronnie Yaroch; eight great-grandchildren, Staci Brown, Dawn (Tom)

Cupach, Sequoyah Copeland, Elyse Bartleson, Lilly Bartleson, Blake Talaski, Balie Talaski, and

Bradie Talaski; three great-great-grandchildren, Shelby Yaroch, Brittany Brown, and Abigail

Cupach; and several nieces and nephews; and special niece, Della (Ignash) Zebrowski.

She was preceded in death by two daughters, Frances Wassin and Kathleen Yaroch; four

brothers, Joseph, Leo, James, and John Rice; five sisters, Martha Rice, Hattie Kula, Vera Ignash,

Agnes Murawski, and Josephine Hirschelman; one grandson, Michael Yaroch; one

granddaughter, Deborah Johnston; one daughter-in-law, Caroline Yaroch; two sons-in-law,

Norman Wassin and William Wells.

Services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Thursday, March 26, 2009 at Sacred Heart Catholic

Church. Officiating will be Fr. Rob Howe, pastor. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Kaufman Funeral Home in Bad Axe and from 10

a.m. until the service time at 11 a.m. Thursday at the church. A scripture service will be offered at

7 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.