

Lerash, Gertrude,

Gertrude "Gertie" Lerash, 93, of Kinde, passed away on Sunday, May 13, 2007, at the Huron County Medical Care Facility in Bad Axe. She was born in Grindstone City on December 6, 1913, daughter of the late Thomas and Katherine (Zagorski) Rice. On October 30, 1933, she was united in marriage to John Lerash at St. Edward's Catholic Church in Kinde. Gertie and her husband, John, owned and operated the Lerash Hotel in Kinde and later the Lerash Super Market in Kinde. She was a member of St. Edward's Alter Sodality. She enjoyed playing cards, bingo, gardening and cooking. She is survived by one son, Thomas (Debra) Lerash, of Bad Axe; one daughter, Jeanette (June) Fisher, of Kinde; one sister, Helen (Stanley) Bodis, of St. Clair Shores; seven grandchildren, Paul (Ann) Fisher, of Port Austin, Richard Fisher, of Filion, Roger Fisher, of Detroit, Tina Fisher, of Bad Axe, Pam Fisher, of Warren, Jackie Lerash, of Berkley, and Jena (Jordan) Mattison, of Chicago; eight great grandchildren; and one great great grandson; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, John; one, son, William; and one sister, Viola (Tony) Lerash. A funeral service will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, May 16, 2007, at St. Edward's Catholic Church with Father Harold Sikorski officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery. Visitation will be from 1 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday and from 9 to 10 a.m. on Wednesday at the MacAlpine Funeral Home, Gage Chapel in Kinde. There will be a parish vigil service at 7 p.m. on Tuesday at the funeral home.