

**Partika, Gertrude R.**

Gertrude Rose Partika, 96, of Port Austin, passed away on Monday, April 17, 2006, with her family by her side. She was born at the home of her parents in Parisville on March 27, 1910. Gertrude was the daughter of the late Frank and Helen (Shefka) Warczak. Gertrude grew up in Kinde and lived most of her adult life in Port Austin. On October 28, 1929, Gertrude and Irvin Yaroch were united in marriage. He preceded her in death on April 9, 1940. Gertrude married Martin "Papa" Partika on September 11, 1943. He preceded Gertrude in death on October 17, 1986. Gertrude was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Port Austin and belonged to The Most Holy Rosary Sodality. Gertrude was a member of the U and I Club where she enjoyed playing cards, bingo, and visiting with her friends. She was an avid Detroit Tiger Fan and loved to travel. Mostly Gertrude enjoyed playing cards and visiting with her family. Mrs. Partika is survived by two sons, Carl Yaroch, of Oak Beach, Mark Yaroch and his wife, Marge, of Bad Axe; one daughter, Carolyn McVey, of Bad Axe; one sister, Edna Hager, of Aurora, Colorado; 11 grandchildren, Sean (Denise) McVey, of Bad Axe, Carrie (Tom) Errer, of Bad Axe, Mike (Linda) Yaroch, of Macomb, Scott Yaroch, of Heartland, Julie (Darrin) Dunn, of Detroit, Colleen (Frank) Oesterling, of Livonia, Pat (Carl) McVey, of Bad Axe, Robert III (Cheryl) McVey, of Greenville, Jeff (Linda) Yaroch, of Clinton Township, and Todd Yaroch, of Macomb, and Marnie Ramsey, of Bad Axe; 13 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by two sons-in-law, Robert McVey Jr. and David Desrosiers; two sisters, Frances Opton and Margaret Lucik; one grandchild, Matthew Yaroch. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11 a.m. on Thursday, April 20, 2006, at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Port Austin. Visitation will be from 2 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday and from 9 to 10 a.m. on Thursday at the MacAlpine Funeral Home, Gage Chapel, in Kinde. There will be a scripture at 7 p.m. and sodality rosary at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday at the funeral home. Burial will be at St. Michael's Catholic cemetery. Memorials may be offered to St. Michael's Catholic Church or the Huron County Medical Care Facility.