

### **Lerash, Viola**

Viola J. Lerash, 88, lifelong resident of Kinde, died Saturday, Jan. 6, 2001, following a brief illness. She was born Oct. 6, 1912, in Grindstone City, daughter of the late Thomas and Katherine (Zagorski) Rice. Miss Viola J. Rice and Anthony (Tony) Lerash were united in marriage on June 1, 1937, at St. Edward's Catholic Church in Kinde. Mr. Lerash preceded his wife in death on Jan. 3, 1975. Viola was a parishioner of St. Edward's Catholic Church and a member of the Ladies Sodality and the Kinde VFW Post No. 4003 Women's Auxiliary. She was employed at the Kinde General Store and retired after 32 years as clerk for the Kinde Post Office. She enjoyed visiting with her friends and relatives, playing bingo and cards, sewing and crocheting. Surviving are two sisters, Gertude Lerash of Kinde and Helen Bodis of St. Clair Shores; and several nieces and nephews. Mrs. Lerash was preceded in death by her husband, Tony; and an infant son, Frederick. Mass of Christian Burial will take place at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2001, at St. Edward's Catholic Church, Kinde. Burial will be in the church cemetery. A rosary by the St. Edward's Ladies Sodality will be offered at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the MacAlpine Funeral Home Gage Chapel, Kinde, followed by a prayer service by the Kinde VFW Women's Auxiliary. Visitation will be 7 to 9 p.m. this evening, 2 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, and 9 to 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.