

Mackezyk, Genevieve

Mrs. Genevieve (Miller) Mackezyk, 81, of Parisville, passed away Friday, June 1, 2007, after a short battle with cancer at her daughter, Gloria's home in Gladwin with her family by her side under hospice care. Genevieve was born July 29, 1925 in Rapson, daughter of the late August and Magdaline (Polega) Miller. She married Arnold Machezyk on May 17, 1947 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Rapson. He preceded her in death on November 12, 1995. Genevieve graduated from the Rapson School. Before marrying, she worked as a housekeeper in Bad Axe and a waitress in Forestville. During World War II, Genevieve worked as a "Rosie the Riveter" at the Ford River Rouge Plant in Dearborn. After her marriage, she farmed with her husband in Parisville until 1961. She and her husband moved to Bay City where they owned and operated the El Pancho Motel for 20 years. They retired to their farm in Parisville in 1981. Genevieve was a parishioner at St. Mary Catholic Church in Parisville where she was a member of the Rosary Sodality and the Seniors Club. Genevieve loved her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. She enjoyed playing euchre, baking, gardening and polka music. Genevieve was a very loving and compassionate person who spent her lifetime caring for her family and others. Genevieve is survived by her two daughters, Nancy Surline and her husband, Randy, of West Branch, Gloria Schindler and her husband, Max, of Gladwin; three sons, Arnold Jr. and his wife, Carol, of Bay City, Larry and his wife, Janet, of Clinton Township, Terry and his wife, Rhoda, of Columbia, Tennessee; 11 grandchildren; eight great grandchildren; one sister, Helen Pyrek, of Gagetown, three sisters-in-law, Lucille Miller, of Warren, Evelyn Mychek, of Port Austin, Genevieve Gorman, of Royal Oak; one stepbrother, Joseph Hudo, of Filion; one stepsister, Mary Jane Baranski and her husband, Chester, of Port Austin. She was preceded in death by her granddaughter, Sarah Schindler; three brothers, Cass, Ray and Harry Miller; one stepbrother, Ed Hudo, during World War II; two sisters, Theresa Peruski and Anna Murawski. A Funeral Mass will be at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, June 5, 2007, at St. Mary Catholic Church in Parisville. The Rev. Robert Shine will officiate. Burial will be in the church cemetery. Visitation will be from 2:30 to 9 p.m. today at the Zinger-Smigielski Funeral Home in Ubly and from 10 to 11 a.m. on Tuesday at the church only. There will be a rosary at 7 p.m. today at the funeral home by the St. Mary Rosary Sodality.