

McPeak, Gertrude

Gertrude M. McPeak, 78, of Port Hope, passed away Thursday, March 6, 2003, at Autumnwood of Deckerville following a long illness. Born in Detroit on March 17, 1924, she was the daughter of the late Jacob and Elizabeth (Palosaari) Soronen. Gertrude Soronen and Ashley McPeak Jr. were united in marriage in 1943 in Detroit. He preceded her in death on Aug. 25, 1979. She enjoyed sewing and working with handicapped people. Gertrude was a member of the Church of Christ in Bad Axe. She is survived by her children, Ashley J. McPeak and his wife, Joanne, of Howell and Dianne Farrell and her husband, Dale, of Port Hope; seven grandchildren, AJ and Eva McPeak, Carolyn and Joseph Kaltenbach, Bill McPeak, Rob McPeak, Todd Farrell, Tiffany Farrell, and Damon Farrell; a great-granddaughter, Zoe Kaltenbach. Gertrude was preceded in death by a sister, Hazel, and six brothers, Hubert, Ernest, John, Hank, Al and Raymond Soronen. Funeral services were Saturday, March 8 at the Ramsey Funeral Home in Harbor Beach. Richard Crisman officiated. Burial was in the New River Cemetery near Huron City.