

Mary Julia Navock



Age: 95

Hometown: Bad Axe

Funeral Date: January 19, 2012

Date of Birth: December 20, 1916

Date of Passing: January 16, 2012

Funeral Home: **Knoblock Funeral Home**

Funeral Information

Funeral Mass will be held on Thursday, January 19, 2012 at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Port Austin. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. There will be visitation on Wednesday from 1-9pm and Thursday from 9-10:30am at the Knoblock Funeral Home in Kinde A Rosary will be held Wednesday evening at 7pm at the funeral home.

Family of the Deceased

She is survived by her children, Alvin (Bernice) Navock, Elmer (Mary Ann) Navock, Kenneth Navock, Mary Ellen (Michael) Baranski, Vernon Navock, Michael Middleton, Valerie (Jerry) Fischer; thirty-two grandchildren; forty-five great grandchildren; and five great-great grandchildren; three sisters-in-law, Lorna Knoblock, Sophie Navock, Theresa Navock and one brother-in-law, Relmond Ricketts. She was preceded in death by her daughter-in-law, Estelle Navock, her brothers and sisters and their spouses, Ignatious (Rose) Knoblock, Felix (Celia) Knoblock, Martina (Martin) Watchowski, Anastasia (Stanley Sr.) Duda, Joseph (Anna) Knoblock, Agnes (Thomas) Morehouse, Phillip (Florence) Knoblock, Michael (Irene) Knoblock, Stanley (Jenny) Knoblock, Kathryn (Ira) Pogue, Walter (Virginia) Knoblock; her in-laws, Jacob and Nellie Navock and sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Gertrude (Frank) Cheslock, Estella (Albert) Shaddock, Teresa Ricketts, Stanley (Susan) Navock, Leo Navock, Richard Navock, Sylvester Navock, and Johnny Navock. She was born to Joseph and Eva (Prill) Knoblock. Mary was married to Frank S. Navock at St. Micheal's Catholic Church in Port Austin on January 13, 1934. He preceded her in death in 1978.

Biography

Mary Navock, age 95, passed away on Monday, January 16, 2012 at Courtney Manor in Bad Axe. Mary was born at home in Dwight Township December 20, 1916. She was number 10 of 12 children born. Mary attended Carpenter Rural School and graduated from eighth grade. After marrying Frank they farmed in the Pt. Austin area and purchased a farm in Pt. Hope. She also worked at the Wahjamega Milling Co. in Harbor Beach. In 1945 they moved to East Detroit. Shortly thereafter her husband contracted TB and was placed in a sanatorium for two years so she went to work at Bundy Tubing Co. where her husband worked. She also did housekeeping in private homes and at St. John's Hospital. Thereafter she waitressed and worked inventory at Montgomery Wards and Korvette's stores for about ten years. In 1965 she went to work for the Detroit Public Schools in the cafeteria and retired as Head Cook. She then went to work at Notre Dame High School in food service. Mary was a past member of the Altar Societies of St. Veronica's and St. Basil's the Great of East Detroit. She was a Girl Scout leader, first aider and Boy Scout Leader, an Active Pro-Life member and participated in Right to Life Marches in Washington D.C. She was also a past member of the Pt. Austin Seniors, Eastern Region of Catholic Women and St. Michael's Funeral Chairman, Eucharistic Minister and Lector. She was a member of the Legion of Mary, Daughters of Isabella and the Holy Rosary Sodality of St. Michael's, and the Central Association of Miraculous Medal. Mary enjoyed playing her organ, reading (especially the Bible), praying her rosary daily. She was a huge fan of the Detroit Tigers and Red Wings and attending Concerts and Sports of her grandchildren. Euchre and Bingo were also her relaxing hobbies. Mary was a community organizer and political activist. She has a profound admiration for the Huron County Sheriff's Department and was one of the initial members of the TRIAD program, working with Sheriff Michael Gage and later Sheriff Kent Tibbits. Mary was a member of the Marists Society and the Third Order of Mary. She became a novice February 21, 1982 and in October 1984 made her profession of final vows of Chastity (to remain single and serve all with Christ's love) Poverty (to live and use her material goods for the benefit of others) and Obedience (to do all in accordance with God's will and not her own.) Her chosen name was Sr. Mary Monica. This was her primary vocation to pray for all people that they come to know they were all Children of God. Mary was a volunteer at Courtney Manor for several years, and then she chose to make it her primary residence and second family whom she dearly loved. She also, during this time, served as a member of the Residents' Council to represent the resident's needs and concerns.